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JAPAN BENT ON EXERTING PRESSURE ON INDO-CHINA: SQUADRON SIGHTED FAR BEYOND BLOCKADE LIMITS

Southward Move Possibility

Troop Concentrations Increased In Hanoi And Haiphong

A MESSAGE FROM SYDNEY YESTERDAY STATED THAT A JAPANESE SQUADRON HAD BEEN SIGHTED OFF INDO-CHINA FAR BEYOND THE USUAL JAPANESE BLOCKADE LIMITS OF SOUTH CHINA.

THE MESSAGE ADDED THAT THIS REPORT IS TAKEN TO INDICATE THAT THE JAPANESE ARE BENT ON EXERTING FURTHER PRESSURE ON INDO-CHINA AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE JAPANESE HAD BEGUN THEIR SOUTHWARD MOVE.

It was also stated that Japanese troop concentrations in Hanoi and Haiphong had increased and that, according to London newspaper reports, there were indications that the Japanese intended to support Mr. Gandhi and the other Indian leaders in their present attitude towards the British war effort.

The message from Sydney quoted the NEW YORK TIMES as saying that the Japanese Foreign Minister now realised that it was impossible to use anything but diplomatic means against the Netherlands East Indies.

STEADY IMPROVEMENT IN BRITAIN'S WAR PRODUCTION

"In spite of air raids, war production in this country has shown a steady improvement in recent months," said MR. CYRIL LAKIN, B.E.C. commentator when he broadcast from London yesterday on the latest international developments.

"A whole division can now be equipped in a matter of weeks, not months and the production of every type of war weapon has shown a marked increase."

SPANISH ACTION IN TANGIER

STATEMENT IN COMMONS

The recent action taken by Spain in Tangier was the subject of a statement by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons yesterday, states a London message.

Mr. Butler said that progress of the negotiations with the Spanish Government gave grounds for hoping that a satisfactory solution would be found.

He added that Spanish action was taken evidently not only to safeguard the interests of Spain but the interests of peace as it had been pointed out by the Spanish authorities that the situation in Tangier was dangerous owing to the proximity of militant Powers.—(Special).

Mr. Lakin referred to Mr. Willkie's visit to Britain to see what was being done in Britain and said that they were all pleased over his presence in England.

CALM DETERMINATION
What had impressed Mr. Willkie most was the calm determination of the people to carry on their war work in spite of every hardship.

Referring to evidence of American support for Britain, Mr. Lakin went on to quote statements made recently by prominent Americans. These statements had finally given the lie to suggestions which had been made that Britain was not able to win the war.

Admiral Leahy, the new United States Ambassador to Vichy, had said that he was of the opinion that the British Government would prosecute the war to a successful conclusion.

Yet another prominent American banker, Mr. Lamont had stated that Britain had shown herself immeasurably superior to the Germans. "I say," said Admiral Leahy, "that Germany can be beaten, is being beaten and will be beaten."

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Today's News Summary

GENERAL METAXAS, PRIME MINISTER OF GREECE, is dead. The news was received in London with profound regret and sympathy. He is succeeded by the Governor of the Bank of Greece.

THE BRITISH ADVANCE IN AFRICA continues on all fronts and further prisoners have been captured in operations in the Sudan.

CAVALLERO'S DESPERATE EFFORTS to do better than his predecessors in Albania against the Greeks has only resulted in the copious shedding of Italian blood.

WHILE ARMISTICE NEGOTIATIONS are about to get under way in Thailand it is reported that the Japanese are bent on exerting further pressure on Indo-China.

MR. WENDELL WILLKIE had a busy day in London where he met the Minister of Supply and General Sikorski.

LORD SOMERS has been appointed Chief Scout of the United Kingdom.

Lord Somers New Chief Scout Of United Kingdom

LORD SOMERS, K.C.M.G., Deputy Chief Scout, who won the D.S.O. in the last war, has been appointed CHIEF SCOUT in succession to the late Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, states a London message.

His title will be CHIEF SCOUT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

There will never be another World Chief Scout because that title will remain reserved for the great founder of the Movement.

The announcement was made at a meeting of Boy Scouts in London.

The new Chief Scout, in his first message, asked Boy Scouts to devote themselves to see the country through its present difficult times and to do their share in building up a new world.—(Special)

A CRY OF DESPAIR

PRINCE KONOYE'S STATEMENT

A message from Sydney quotes an article in the SYDNEY MORNING HERALD on the recent statement made by the Japanese Premier, Prince Konohe, in which he held himself to blame for the protracted war in China.

The Herald stated that the statement was really a cry of despair and symptomatic of the tragedy that the Japanese feel.

NAZI GUARANTEES

The article went on to give three representations which the Nazis had made to Japan for their help in the war:

1. That Russia will be rendered innocuous.
2. That French and Dutch territories will be Japan's, and
3. That the United States will be over-awed to maintain neutrality.

The paper goes on to point out that none of these guarantees had so far shown any sign of fulfilment. The United States had strengthened its resolve to help Britain to the limit of her capacity and the French and Dutch colonies had been encouraged to resist Japan's demands.—(Special)

Six More Age Classes Called Up

SIX MORE AGE CLASSES have been called up in Britain for military service, states a London message.

His Majesty the King yesterday signed a proclamation making it necessary for youths of 18 and 19 and men between 37 and 40 to register for military service.

The 19-year olds will register on Feb. 22 but the 1922 class, namely, the 18-year olds, may not be required to register for some time.

STEADY FLOW
A statement issued by the Ministry of Labour points out that the new proclamation is necessary to provide for a steady flow of men into the three fighting services.

WILL NAZIS USE GAS WARFARE?

POSSIBILITIES ARE DISCUSSED

The military correspondent of the SYDNEY MORNING HERALD has discussed the possibilities of the use of gas by Herr Hitler, according to a message from Sydney.

The correspondent points out that the various signs of enemy activity indicate the possibility of the Germans turning to chemical warfare. It would be in keeping with Herr Hitler's psychology if he does resort to this, states the writer.

FACTORIES AT WORK

It is known that German chemical factories have been working on the production of gases since 1934 and Herr Hitler, in his present desperate situation might try large gas attacks against civilian populations in Britain.

The correspondent states that in any case it is difficult to see how the use of gas can become a deciding factor in the Battle of Britain and he concluded by adding that people who had stood up to such bombing raids and other hardships would not give in to any such new menace.—(Special)

GROUP CAPTAINS PROMOTED

Eight Group Captains in the Royal Air Force have been promoted to temporary Air Commodores, states a London message.

Among them is Group Captain Charles Roderick Carr, a New Zealander, who won the D.S.C. in north Russia and was Flying Officer in Shackleton's last expedition.—(Special)

WOMEN'S FORCE IN N.Z.

A Women's Auxiliary Air Force is to be formed in New Zealand, according to an announcement by the Government.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Fraser, stated that the women would do full-time duty at Air Force stations in New Zealand.—(Special)

Men of the older age groups are now being encouraged to apply for vacancies in the civil defence.—(Special)

CAVALLERO MAKING DESPERATE EFFORTS TO DO BETTER THAN HIS PREDECESSORS

Copious Shedding Of Italian Blood

GENERAL CAVALLERO, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ITALIAN FORCES IN ALBANIA, is making desperate efforts to do better than his predecessors but these have only resulted in copious shedding of Italian blood, states a London message.

The latest Greek communique states: "Restricted local operations. We took a number of prisoners. Two enemy aircraft were shot down by A.A. fire."

Italian aircraft bombed a military hospital in Salonika causing casualties. Villages in Macedonia were also bombed.

The Royal Air Force carried out a heavy attack on Elbasan and British fighters were fiercely engaged over the northern sector.—(Special)

Reuter's Special correspondent on the Albanian frontier says that the Italian offensive was intensified yesterday on the northern front from Devoli to the shores of Lake Ochrida.

The Italians, who are making increasing use of flame-throwers, were everywhere repulsed. Artillery fire raged throughout the day.

Italian use of aeroplanes in support of operating troops and to attack Greek communications in the rear was more marked.

BUSY EXPLAINING

The Fascist Propaganda Ministry is fully occupied in trying to explain the defeats in Africa and Albania and the disorders in Italy, states a London message.

Though no direct news comes from the areas concerned, the American Radio quoted a report that 200 Italians were killed in one riot in Northern Italy. The Germans, it is stated, drew their pistols and shot at point blank range. Public buildings are guarded and the streets are patrolled by the military.

PARTY LEADER KILLED

Another report stated that a Fascist Party leader was killed in Street rioting in Turin last week.

Fascist authorities continue to deny all neutral reports and are organising special demonstrations to give the impression that everybody in Italy is happy.—(Special)

What China War Has Cost Japan

A London message stated yesterday that the war in China has cost Japan over \$1,000,000,000. It was added that this was disclosed by the Finance Minister at the Budget session of the Diet.—(Special)

FIGURES IN YEN

TOKYO, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Three years and nine months of war with China will have cost Japan yen 17,455 millions by Jan. 31, this year, in extraordinary military expenditures alone.

The amount included yen 1,000 millions voted by the Lower House on Tuesday to finance the prosecution of the conflict during February and March.

Mr. Willkie visited General Sikorski, Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Army yesterday and spent some time talking to the General and his officers, states a London message.—(Special)



GENERAL METAXAS

DEATH OF PREMIER OF GREECE

PROFOUND REGRET IN BRITAIN

The death occurred yesterday of GENERAL J. METAXAS, the Prime Minister of Greece, after an operation for throat trouble, at the age of 70 years, states a London message which adds that the news was received in Great Britain with profound regret.

Gen. Metaxas was the inspiration and chief leader of the Greek people against the Fascist aggression and there was no doubt that he had set his people on the high road to victory.

The new Prime Minister is M. ALEXANDER KORYZIS, Governor of the Bank of Greece since 1939. He is 55 years of age and was Health Minister in the Metaxas Government but played no outstanding part in politics.

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In the World of Sports



PORTUGAL PLAYS TOP-NOTCH BALL TO OVERWHELM MOHAWK SQUAD

Chung Hwa Goes Down To V.R.C. In "Needle" Tilt

BY R.O.Y.

DESPITE THE EXTENSIVE SOFTBALL PROGRAMME EXTENDING OVER EVERY DAY OF THE CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, of main interest to fans was the second division match between Chung Hwa and the Victoria Recreation Club on Sunday morning.

Providing the curtain raiser at the K.F.C., the youthful swimmers surprised their supporters, the critics and Chung Hwa when they toppled the latter from their lofty perch at the top of the junior loop standings by chalking up a convincing 6-3 defeat on the veteran Chinese aggregation who had not lost a decision in their eight previous outings.

Chung Hwa opened the scoring with a lone tally through F. F. Choy, but Roy Maxwell knotted the count in the fourth frame, and drove into a long lead in the fifth when Ernie Ribeiro clouted a triple to right to drive in Lionel Rozo-Pereira and Bimby Abing, and Alec Azedo singled to score both Ribeiro and Maxwell.

The Chinese reduced the margin with tallies through Bill Chang and Richard Chung in the last of the fifth but were held scoreless for the rest of the game.

The play was very even, hits being 6-5 in favour of the winners and errors 2-5 in favour of the losers, but the V.R.C. outfit managed to connect with their hits just when there were runners in scoring position.

Granpop Leung belted a double, leading off in the second, but was left stranded on the penultimate sack as Fung, Jay Liu and Choy were retired in quick succession. Alec Azedo paced the batters with two singles in three trips to the pan.

DOUBLE-KILLINGS

Numerous double-killings marked the St. Joseph's-Canucks clash that ended in favour of Choppo Omar's Jolting Joys by four tallies to one.

St. Joseph's hard-hitting attack met with little success against the speedy hurling of Herbie Quon. Dave Leonard's homer and double in two times at bat leading the winners' parade. All's triple was the only other extra-base hit of the game but Canuck Young Lee's two bingles for a perfect average was the high mark.

ACES DOWNED

The Indian Softballers once again demonstrated their hoodoo over the Rambling Reds when they downed the powerful Aces by eleven markers to six, in a game that was much more interesting than the scores would indicate.

"Ah-woo" Omar's gang jumped the gun in tallying four in each of the first two innings and three more in the third but were then held scoreless for the last four stanzas.

The Portuguese boys tallied through Nick Beltrao in the second, and rallied well to garner three in the fourth and two in the fifth, but faded again to go down weakly in both of the last two sessions. Gerry Gosano clouted the only round-tripper of the game while two-baggers were registered by Bertie Gosano, Kassa Nazarin and Eddie Gosano.

CHARITY MATCHES

Two matches were played in aid of the Bomber Fund on Monday, the Combined Ladies clashing with the Kowloon Footballers in the opener, in which the girls won a lucky decision by nine tallies to seven.

Doc Molten almost hit for the coveted cycle by driving out a homer, triple and a double even though he wasn't half trying, but the Footballers' profound inexperience in the art of running bases gave them only seven tallies on ten hits while the lassies ran wild on the sacks to reap their winning count on only six safeties of which Jackie Anderson's double was the longest.

U.S. NAVY TROUNCED

Chuck Waggoner's Marauding Mohawks avenged a previous defeat when they trounced the U.S. Navy by nine tallies to one in the nightcap. Pete Fitch and Lou Leight gave superb exhibitions of

HONEYWELL, ROBINSON LEAVING

LOSS TO LOCAL FOOTBALL

Following the South China-Navy football match in the Kowloon Cup series, on Tuesday, a meeting was held in the pavilion when Mr. W. E. Hollands, Chairman of the League Management Committee, speaking on behalf of the Hongkong Football Association, wished Messrs. HONEYWELL and ROBINSON, of the Royal Navy, who are leaving shortly, the best of luck in their new stations.

Mr. Hollands said that both the players had always turned out when requested and had made numerous appearances in charity matches.

Honeywell, Navy right-half, played for the Colony against Manila two seasons ago, and has been a regular player for Navy.

Robinson, one of the best goalkeepers seen in Hongkong in recent years, has been in his best form this season.

COLONY OPEN JUNIOR CHESS TOURNAMENT

With one day to go before entries are declared closed, the number of players entered for the Colony Open Junior Chess Championship by yesterday evening numbered 12. It is expected that at least 16 players will participate and anywhere up to a half-dozen entries may be looked forward to today.

Entries may be posted today to the Hon. Secretary of the Colony Chess Championship Committee, Mr. A. Kurrik, care of the Government Analysts Department, and will be accepted even should they not reach their destination until the morning mail distribution. However, such entries will have to be postmarked Jan. 30.

Owing to the large number of entries already received, the Tournament will be a one-round affair with allotment of white and black to players covered by the draw in conjunction with the time-table. One game a week will be played, and the Kowloon Chess Club will place their room at the Peninsula Hotel at the disposal of competitors on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5.30 p.m.

Players already entered for the Tournament are J. H. d'Almeida, R. C. Danenberg, D. Drake, R. C. Gardner, J. Grefalga, V. V. Kolatoff, Wm. Lee, A. Morton, E. Petrov, A. C. Poupard, J. Tausz, To Yu-lau and Un Kwai-yung.

HOME FOOTBALL FIXTURES

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The following are the football fixtures for the coming Saturday, Feb. 1:—

LONDON CUP

Aldershot v. Crystal Pal.; Fulham v. Brentford; Queen's P.R. v. Chelsea; Clapton O. v. Arsenal; Millwall v. Reading; Tottenham v. West Ham.

SOUTH REGIONAL

Brighton v. Bournemouth; Portsmouth v. Watford; Southend v. Southampton.

MIDLAND CUP

Leicester v. Notts F.; Lincoln v. Mansfield; Northampton v. Luton; West Brom v. Walsall.

LEAGUE WAR CUP

Bradford C. v. Bolton; Southport v. Crewe; Stockport v. Blackpool; York v. Sheffield W.

NORTH REGIONAL

Burnley v. Blackburn; Bury v. Sheffield U.; Chesterfield v. Hull; Everton v. Barnsley; Grimsby v. Bradford; Manchester C. v. Oldham; Newcastle v. Middlesbrough; Rotherham v. Doncaster.

VALLEY TRAINING GALLOPS

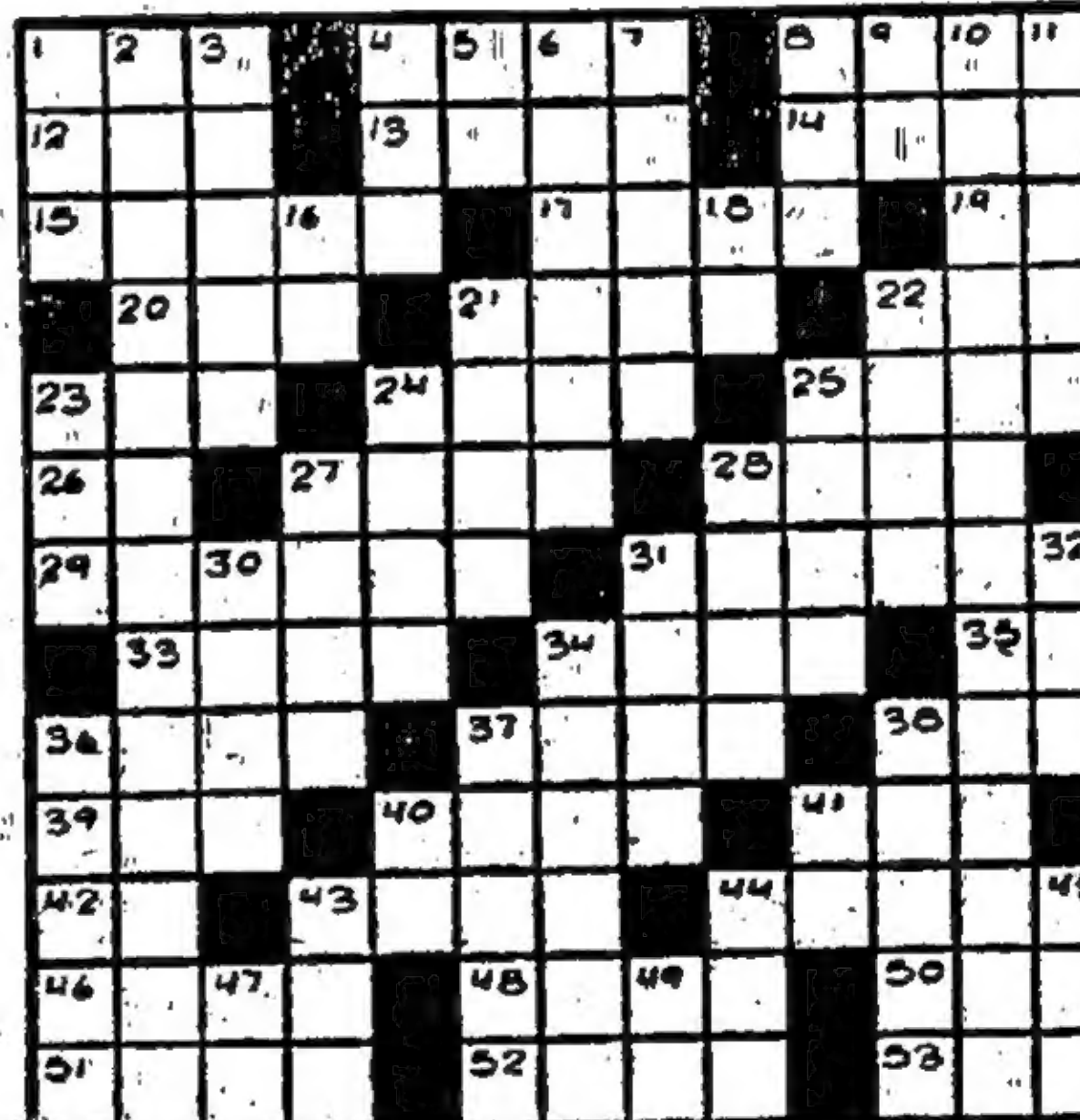
The following times were clocked during the training gallops held at Happy Valley yesterday morning:—

	Dis- tance	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	5th Qr.	6th Qr.	Last Qr.
Jungle Love	1	45	1.24	1.58	2.28			30
National Welfare	1	41	1.18	1.52	2.24			32
Distant View	1	33	1.04.4	1.33				28.1
Black Seal	1	32.3	1.05	1.32.2				27.3
Dutch Treat	1	37	1.12	1.43.2	2.15			31.3
Newborn Star	1	35.2	1.08	1.42	2.11	2.40.1		29.1
Strathalbyn & Senorita	1	43.2	1.21.2	1.55	2.22.2			27.1
Prairie View	1	36.2	1.10	1.42	2.10			28
Eye of Paradise & Eye of Deception	1	35	1.10.2	1.43	2.16			33
Dashing Beauty	1	37	1.09	1.38	2.06.4			28.4
National Courage	1	39	1.11.3	1.42	2.09.3			28
King's Welcome	1	34	1.07	1.38	2.08.2	2.38	3.05.4	27.4
Manhattan	1	32	1.02	1.30	1.58			28
Starlight & Sunlight	1	35	1.11.3	1.46	2.16			30
Misty View & Graceful View	1	33.3	1.06.1	1.36.1	2.04			27.4
Dignitas	1	35	1.10	1.39.3				29.3
Sports Lady	1	35	1.10	1.39.3				29.3
Marsh Warbler	1	38.1	1.10.3	1.40.2	2.13.2	2.42	3.09	27
Vanguard	1	37.2	1.10	1.40	2.08.2	2.38		29.3
Starlight View & Mountain View	1	33.2	1.05	1.35.3	2.03.2			27.4
Amulet Star & Twinkling Star	1	30.3	1.00	1.28.4				28.4
Hascossay	1	32	1.02.1	1.31	1.59			28
Vigor & Double Dutch	1	42	1.19	1.55	2.28			33
Never-Never & King's Flight	1	37	1.10	1.43	2.15	2.45.3	3.14.2	28.4
Velvetlight & Lovelylight	1	35	1.09.4	1.42.2	2.12.4			30.2
Harmony Star & Leading Star	1	32.1	1.00.3	1.30.2				29.4
Baggage-master	1	35	1.10.4	1.43.1	2.11.2			28.1
Trade Wind	1	39	1.13	1.44	2.12			28
Corriedoo & Zadderday	1	38	1.11.3	1.45	2.18.3	2.49.3	3.19.4	30.1

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ACROSS

- Italian goddess of harvests
- Narrow woven band
- Exclamation of despair
- Rodent
- Masculine name
- Means of illumination
- Deal with or handle
- Upper part of shoe
- College degree (abbr.)
- Unit of energy
- Top of the head
- Free from something obnoxious
- Unit
- Of sound
- Broad
- By
- Projecting part of a building
- Carry on
- Dissertation
- Assemblage of brilliant persons
- Means of departure
- Auction
- Symbol for tellurium
- Fortico
- Nautical half hour
- Chop
- Metal
- Spanish measure of length
- Correlative of neither
- Account (abbr.)
- Mark for omission
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- Handle-shaped part
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SOLUTION TOMORROW

Solution No. 817

I.R.C. DEFEAT TAMAR

Indian Recreation Club beat H.M.S. Tamar by five wickets in a friendly cricket match played at King's Park on Sunday. Tamar 60 (C. P. O. Honeywell 20, A. el Ar-culi 8 for 22, I.R.C. 103 for 6 wickets. (A. el Arculi 33 not out, Ldg. Tel. West 3 for 33).

ARMY RUGBY COMBINED SMALL UNITS DEFEATED BY R.A.

Playing against the ROYAL ARTILLERY, in the Army Large Units Rugby League, at Sookunpoo yesterday, COMBINED SMALL UNITS took a considerable time to settle down to the game, with the result that they were six points (two tries) in arrears when the half-time whistle went.

Lack of understanding, and absence of team work, was largely responsible for their losing the game as, taken individually, every player on their side was as good as his counter-part in the R.A. team.

The second half was a more exciting game, with the tempo of the play steadily rising. Neither side was able to score until about ten minutes to the end when the R.A. increased their lead by another try.

Within three minutes of the end, Small Units reduced the deficit by a goal. The score, when the final whistle went, was 9 points (3 tries) to 5 (one goal) in favour of the Royal Artillery.

The teams were:—
ROYAL ARTILLERY: Fairclough; Marsh, Skipworth, Keble, Richards; Dawson, Hook; Dumpers, Edlison, Hicks, Page, Heath, Turner, McDermitt, and Cooke.

SMALL UNITS: Hamlin; Allen, Pollock, Lithauer, McDonald; Coombes, Scriven; Mohan, Gash, Manfield, Crew Stockham, Beeton, Steadman, Chandler, and McPherson.

ROYAL SCOTS WIN

In another match, in the same League and played at Sookunpoo, the Royal Scots beat the Middlesex to the tune of 21 points to three in a very one-sided game.

The Middlesex were outplayed in every department of the game.

LA LINDA WINS YACHT RACE

La Linda (Mr. L. P. Ralph) won the Sweepstake Race of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club sailed yesterday:—

	Finished Pos.
La Linda, A16	16.54.16 1
(Mr. L. P. Ralph)	
True Blue, A11	16.57.49 2
(Miss H. Crawhall-Wilson)	
Gull, A9	17.00.11 3
(Capt. A. O. G. Mills)	
Joss, A8	17.02.04 4
(Major G. E. Neve)	
Jean, A15	17.02.32 5
(Mr. M. S. Banner)	
Arliki, A1	17.04.45 6
(Mr. H. W. Browne)	

TODAY'S SOCCER

The postponed football League match between Royal Scots and Royal Engineers in the Second Division will be played at Sookunpoo this afternoon.

BASKETBALL TEAM FOR MANILA

"Nine members of the Twentieth Century Fox basketball team from Los Angeles, who are en route to Manila for a series of games with leading teams in the Philippines, passed through the Colony yesterday on a President liner."

The players, some of them quite well known to Californian basketball "fans" are John Ball, Paul Colyd, Fon Johnson, Carl Knowles, Lester O'Gara, Charles Perrin, Albert Shaffer, Ray Weldie and Lee Woodward.

The cricket match fixed for Sunday between Civil Service Cricket Club and the Hongkong Volunteers has been cancelled.

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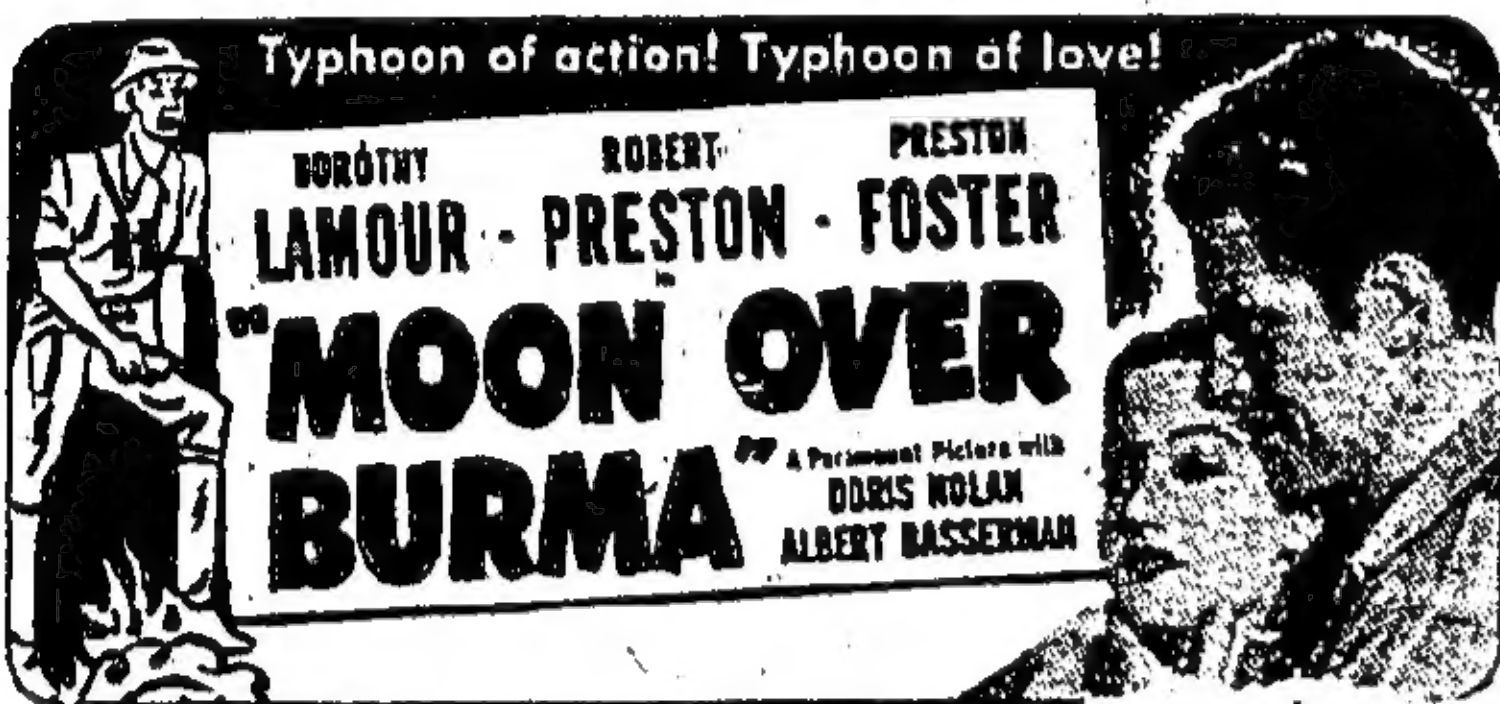
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COMING EVENTS

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30—Tides: High 12.05 a.m. and 11.14 p.m. Low 5.17 a.m. and 4.29 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 6.11 p.m.
H.K. Y's Men's Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.
Cheero Club, Bridge and Mahjong, Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 5 p.m.
Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Working Party (Medical), 10 a.m.

31—Tides: High 12.38 p.m. and 11.42 p.m. Low 5.45 a.m. and 5.23 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 6.11 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.
Kowloon C.C. Extraordinary General Mtg., 6.30 p.m.
H.K. Committee for Student Relief Charity Bazaar, St. Paul's College, Pedder Hill.
Calms against Sander, Weller and Co. (in liquidation) due.
Entries close for Junior Chess Championship.
Entries close for Trinity College of Music (Theoretical) Examinations.
St. David's Society of H.K. Annual Meeting, Room 510, Fifth Floor, Windsor House, 5.30 p.m.
C.E. Warren & Co., Ltd. Meeting of Creditors, St. George's Building, 12.15 p.m.
Cheero Club, Darts and Table-tennis.

St. Anthony's Church, West Point. Solemn Mass for Salesian Co-operators and devotees of St. John Bosco 9.30 a.m.
War Fund Ball at Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.
Volunteer Nursing Detachment First Aid Lecture, P.W.D. Office, 5.30 p.m.; Practical Class, 4.30 p.m., St. John's Place.
Students Charity Bazaar, Wah Kiu School, 17, Castle Road, 11 a.m.
Annual Meeting of V.D.M.A. (Christ Church Branch), 6 p.m.

FEB.
1—Tides: High 1.07 p.m. Low 6.21 a.m. and 6.07 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 6.12 p.m.
"Famity" at China Fleet Club Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
2—Tides: High 12.05 a.m. and 1.37 p.m. Low: 6.51 a.m. and 6.57 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 6.12 p.m.
Famity Hunt Club February Meeting, 2.45 p.m.
Lawn Bowls: Volunteers v K.C.C.
St. Anthony's Church: Feast of St. John Bosco (Special Services).
3—Tides: High 12.27 a.m. and 2.06 p.m. Low 1.21 a.m. and 8.06 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.02 a.m.; Sunset: 6.13 p.m.
Crown Land Sales, P.W.D., 3 p.m.
4—Tides: High 1.06 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. Low 7.47 a.m. and 9.49 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.02 a.m.; Sunset: 6.14 p.m.

POLICE REPORTS

Lieut. Col. C.O. Shackleton, of the Combined Military Hospital, reports that his car No. 4602 parked in Club Street was stolen in the night between Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. R.A. Wickerson, secretary, and manager of China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., residing at No. 1, Chatham Path, reports that a raincoat and a pair of gloves, to the total value of \$30, were stolen from his car parked in Jackson Road.

Tse Hui, of No. 81, Jervois Street, reports that between Monday and Tuesday, somebody stole \$788.10 in cash from two of his sates by means of duplicate keys.

The theft of money, clothing and jewellery to the aggregate value of \$178 from his residence at No. 188, Des Voeux Road Central has been reported to the police by Chan Man-king.

BURMESE DELEGATES BID FAREWELL

Mr. Te Garth Craw and J. F. H. Nicholson, members of the Burmese Government Mission, called on Mr. Tai Chi-tao, President of the Examination Yuan, Dr. Wang Chang-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Chang Kia-ngau, Minister of Communications, to bid farewell. They are returning to Rangoon by air.

Mr. Uba (Than, another member of the mission, returned to Burma a few days ago on account of urgent business, says Central News.

Comfort Delegation

Mongolians, Tibetans and Mohammedans are organising a delegation to be sent to visit the Chinese troops at the front. It will be composed of Mongolian, Tibetan and Mohammedan officials and people's representatives in various parts of the country. Members of the delegation will gather at Chungking. After bidding farewell to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, they will set out in groups for the front. (Central News).

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WEEKLY LOCAL NEWSLETTER
FROM THE STUDIO
Variety Programmes

12.15 p.m. "Short Service of Intercession."
12.30 Songs by Turner Layton at the Piano.

Alone (film 'A Night at the Opera'). The Moon and the Willow Tree (film 'The Road to Singapore'). Don't You Ever Cry (Alan and Bradbury).
12.40 Nat Gonella and His Ganglans.

Fox-Trots — Oh, They're Tough — Mighty Tough in the West; Ten Pretty Girls. Well All Right (Howell and Others); Shoot the Likker to Me John Boy (Artie Shaw); Fox-Trots—My Feelin' Like A Million (film "Broadway Melody of 1938"); Caravan.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 The Hill Billies, Molly Picon and Reginald Dixon in Variety.
Vocal—The Hobo's Spring Song; When the Moon Hangs High (Wendrich and Others) — The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Act. Organ — Dixon Request Medley—Intro: I do like to be beside the seaside; Blaze Away; Who were you with last night? If you were the only girl; Teddy Bears Picnic; Dinah; Down at the Old Bull and Bush; Just a Wee Deoch and Doris; She's a Lassie from Lancashire—Reginald Dixon, Comedian—Nervous (Picon-Eustein); It's Love (Picon-Eustein) — Molly Picon with Orch. Vocal—Nobody's Darling But Mine (Davis) — The Hill Billies with Own Novelty act. Organ—Rupert—Film Selection: Sweet Music—Film Selection—Reginald Dixon.

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Marek Weber & His Orchestra and Essie Ackland (Contralto).
Waltzes—A Summer Evening (Waldteufel); St. Mary's Chimes (J. Strauss)—Marek Weber and His Orchestra. My Creed (Lockton-Carnegie). Break, Farewell Dawn (Handel), arr. Ochs)—Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Orchestra. "Die Fledermaus"—Selection (J. Strauss)—Marek Weber and His Orchestra. Song of Sleep (Somerset)—Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Orch. Springtime Serenade (Heykens); Musical Box (Heykens)—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.
5.45 Indian Programme.
6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Compositions of Haydn.
"Toy Symphony — 1st Mov. Allegro; 2nd Mov. Minuet and Trio; 3rd Mov. Finale. Allegro — Felix Weingartner conducting the British Symphony Orchestra. Quartet in B Major, Op. 76, No. 4—1st Mov. Allegro con spirito; 2nd Mov. Adagio; 3rd Mov. Menuet; 4th Mov. Allegro ma non troppo — Frisca Quartet.

7.00 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay — "Questions of the Hour."
7.30 Selections from Light Opera. A Country Girl. — Vocal Gems (Monckton) — Columbia Light Opera Company with Orch. The Gypsy Princess — Selection (Kallman) — De Groot and The New Victoria Orchestra. "The Three Waltzes" (Oscar Strauss); C'est La Saison D'Amour—Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) Te Souvient — Il — Yvonne Printemps and Pierre Fresnay (Vocal) with Orchestra. Les Cloches De Corneville—Selection (Planquette)—De Groot and His Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 Alfred Cortot at the Piano.
"The Twenty-Four Preludes, Op. 28" (Chopin)—No. 11 Vivace in B Major.

No. 13 Presto in G Sharp Minor; No. 13 Lento in F Sharp Major; No. 14 Allegro in D Flat Minor; No. 15 Sostenuito in D Flat Major. Taranella, Op. 43 (Chopin).

8.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.
8.30 Raymond Newell (Baritone) in a Light Orchestral Concert.

Invitation to the Waltz (Weber) — London Philharmonic Orch. Here's To Life (Talbot and Atkinson); Let Me Love You Tonight (Turnbridge & Others)—Raymond Newell (Baritone) with Orchestra. In A Fairy Realm Suite (Kellieby)—Albert W. Kellieby's Concert Orchestra. Life's Great Sunset (Adams)—Raymond Newell (Baritone) with Instrumental Acc.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 Dance Music by Ambrose and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots — Watching the Stars, Maybe It's the Spring. Quickstep — Sing a Song of Sunbeams (from East side of Heaven); Slow Fox-Trot — That Sly Old Gentleman (from East side of Heaven); Fox-Trots—My Red Letter Day; I'm in a Dancing Mood (both from "This'll make you whistle"); Quickstep—Are You Havin' Any Fun? (from "The Little Dog Laughed"); Slow Fox-Trot—Where or When (from Babes in Arms); Fox-Trot—Looking Around Corners for You (from Head over Heels).

10.00 Variety.
"Piano—Three Dances in Syncopation—(a) English Dance; (b) Cricket Dance; (c) Harmonica Dance—Billy Mayerl. Humorous Monologues—The Botany Class; Reading to the Children — Arthur Marshall. Comedienne — Love Laughs at Locksmiths — Renee Houston with Orch. Orch.—Jingle of the Jungle (film "London Melody"); The Eyes of the World are on You (film "London Melody")—Louis Levy & His Gaumont British Symphony with Vocal Chorus. A Broadcasted Skit—The Eternal Triangle—Renee Houston with Orchestra. Humorous Monologue—The "Ole in the Ark (Edgar)—Stanley Holloway with Piano. Orch. — Beer Chasers Polka (Gale); Spot Light Polka (Gale)—Columbia Novelty Orchestra. Humorous Monologue—Jonathan and the Grampus (Edgar)—Stanley Holloway with Piano. Comedian—George Formby Medley—Intro: Sitting on the Ice; Do de oh Don; Chinese Laundry Blues; Madame Moscovitch; My Ukulele; Flanigan Panny — George Formby with His Ukulele and Orchestra. Vocal—Time on My Hands (Younans and Others); Thru' The Courtesy of Love (film "Voice of Scandal") — Denny Dennis with Orchestra. Orch. and Vocal — "Soft Lights and Sweet Music"—Intro: Dancing Time; In a Mist; Sweet and lovely; Sleepy time down South; Peace of mind; The song is ended — with Austen Croom-Johnson.

11.00 Close down.

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NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission 1—News Summary 4.00 p.m.
Full Bulletin 5.00 p.m.
Transmission 2—News Summary 6.45 p.m.
Full Bulletin 7.00 p.m.
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Trans. 11 & 12—News Summary 7.30 a.m.
Full Bulletin 8.30 a.m.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 29 (Reuter)

The South African Government has agreed to accommodate 20,000 Italian prisoners captured in the Western Desert in order to spare ships which would be needed to convey them to India.

The British Government is paying all costs.

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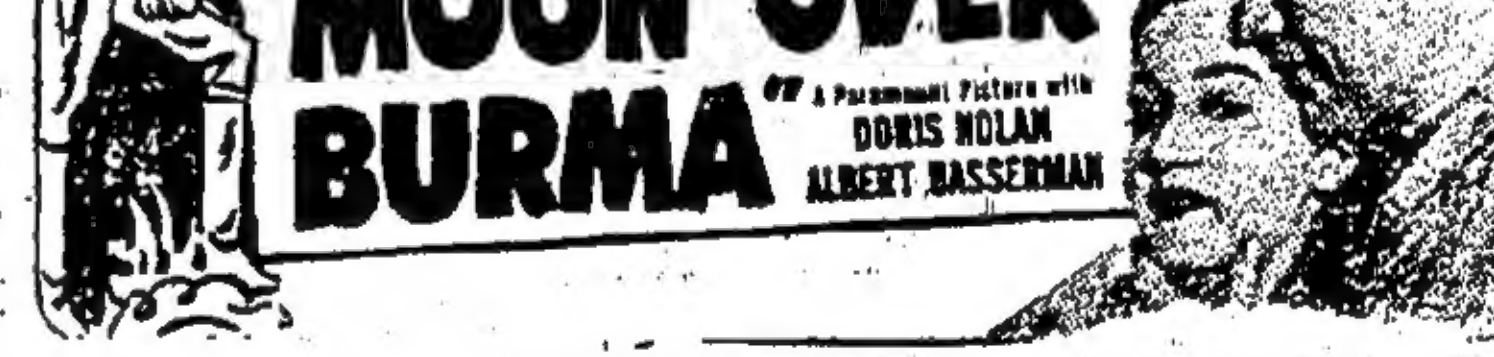
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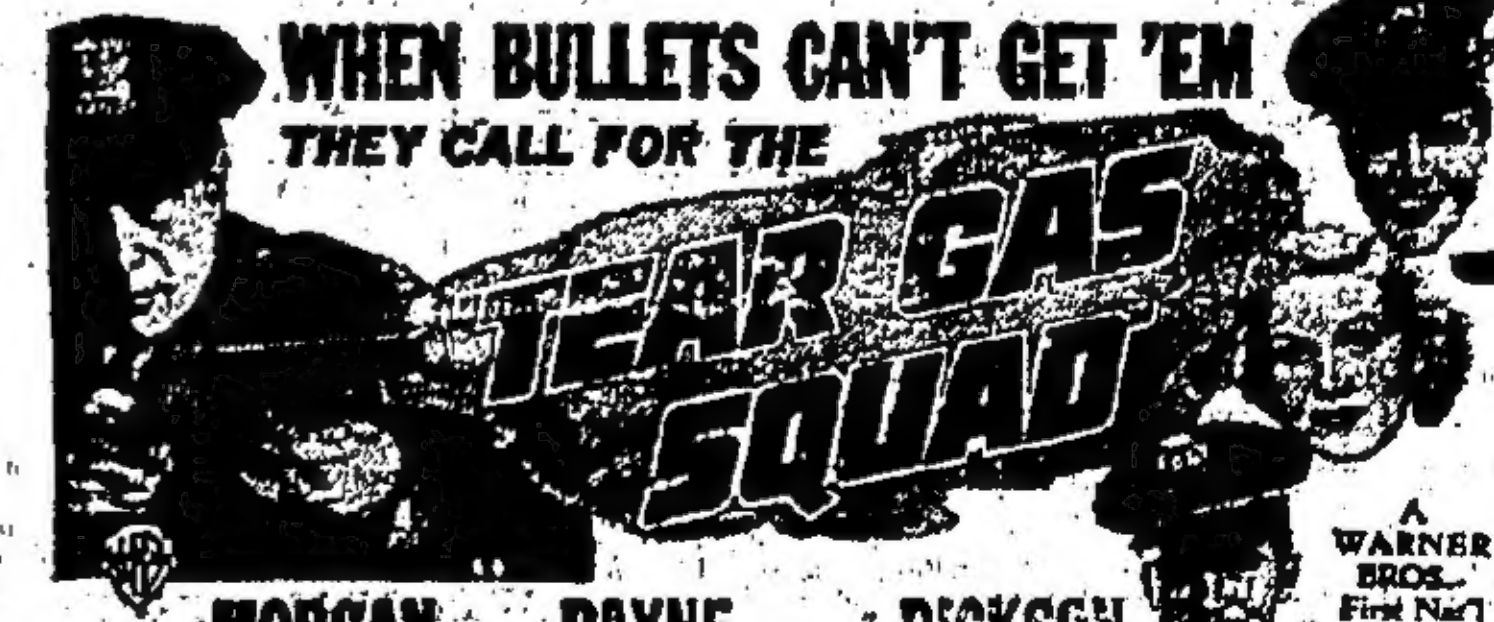
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GENERALISSIMO AND RECENT REVOLT OF FOURTH ROUTE ARMY

Tokyo Propaganda Sought To Misconstrue Incident

CHUNGKING, Jan. 29 (Reuter)—A lengthy statement by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek on the disbandment of the new Fourth Route (Communist) Army on the south bank of the Yangtze River early this month, and a vigorous denial of Japanese reports of civil war or an unfavourable turn in international events, were contained in an address delivered at Sunday's weekly memorial meeting, which was released last night in Chungking.

Referring to reports of civil war, the Generalissimo declared that in China today there was absolutely unanimity of purpose among both the people and the armed forces. Questions of maintenance of wartime discipline and obedience to military discipline have no relation whatever to such a possibility.

"So far from the effect being, as the Japanese foolishly attempt to convey, foreign countries will be inspired with respect for us by observing our ability to put down insubordination without hesitation or trepidation despite the difficulties attendant on such action under conditions imposed by active prosecution of the war."

After pointing out that there is no more essential factor required for victory than reliable execution of orders to exercise discipline, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek stated that the measures taken by the Government in regard to the new Fourth Route Army were in no way peculiar.

INCIDENTS RECALLED

He recalled similar punishment of Chinese generals like General Han Fu-chu, General Li Fu-yung and General Shih Yu-san in the past three years for various offences against discipline.

After changing the new Fourth Route Army of "attacking a body of comrades in arms, with disobedience to orders and rebellious gestures, the Generalissimo declared "I am entrusted with the power of directing the national armies and if I fail to enforce discipline with due rigour, yielding to any private susceptibilities of my own, I become myself a violator of discipline and betray all men fighting at the front."

There would soon be an end of resistance and a revolution if orders were permitted to be disobeyed and discipline unobserved.

QUESTION OF DISCIPLINE

Referring to the powers assistance to China, the Generalissimo stated: "The record of four years' sympathy and assistance from friendly nations has shown them uniformly desirous of seeing strict discipline enforced in our armies as a means of enhancing efficiency in resistance."

"There never was an instance of their being discouraged by our

taking action required by the very object they approve.

"They will recognise the propriety of an action aimed at keeping the high standards of sound discipline prevailing in the Chinese armed forces."

"The incident under discussion is an exceedingly distressing case of military necessity. Far be it from me to construe it as a matter of gratification. It was something much to be ashamed of but the only course possible in the interests of the nation and resistance was reluctantly taken."

FORMER CASES OVERLOOKED

"Former cases of disobedience on the part of the New Fourth Army and of its clashes with other troops were passed over by me in silence though not denied, for the sake of keeping them a secret from foreigners and from the enemy. Such incidents cannot be concealed."

"My motives were firstly, my concern for the good name of the troops and hope for their reform and secondly to preserve intact the forces of resistance."

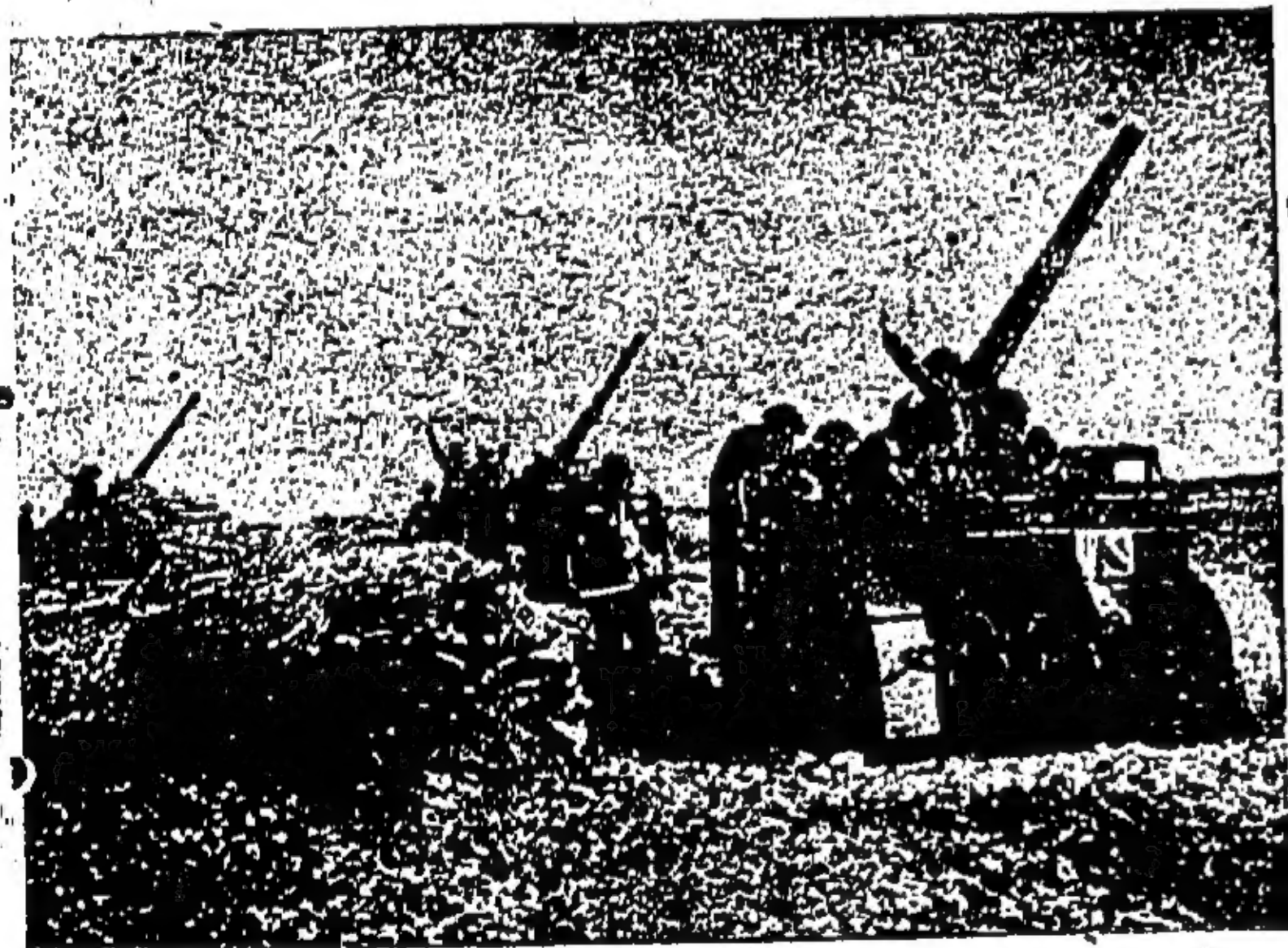
"But the new Fourth Army continued to take all manner of arbitrary action until it has become apparent that if it were not checked China would cease to be worthy of the name of a nation and that she would be powerless to make a success of the resistance."

INCIDENT CLOSED

"In conclusion I have only to say that my action was dictated solely by my desire to strengthen the nation's capacity for resistance."

"The incident is now entirely closed in any shape and form."

"The conduct of the New Fourth Army and the punishment imposed have no bearing on the status of other sections of the National forces. There is absolutely no political party issue involved."



A battery of anti-aircraft guns on the coast of Britain.

MORGENTHAU STRESSES URGENT NEED OF ASSISTANCE TO U.K.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (Reuter)—"If this Bill does not pass Congress the British cannot continue to fight," Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in his testimony yesterday on the Lend Lease Bill.

"The decision rests with Congress whether Britain, Greece or China are to continue to fight," Mr. Morgenthau testified that British citizens had arranged to sell within 12 months every bit of property they owned in the United States to finance the war contracts.

U. K. HOLDINGS

He referred to the depletion of Britain's gold and other assets in the United States and said he had mentally written off some time ago Britain's debt to the United States arising from the Great War.

He said that the collapse of France had doubled Britain's financial liabilities and Britain had taken over all French contracts in the United States although she no longer had the help of French money to pay for them. British gold and other dollar assets had been depleted by

\$2,318,000,000 in the first six months of the war. Mr. Morgenthau told the Committee that British purchases of war material virtually stopped in December.

APPROVAL URGED

Urging speedy approval of the Lend Lease Bill he declared that it was a necessity demonstrated by a telephone conversation which he had yesterday. He said: "Mr. Knudsen (Director-General of the Committee to speed up United States arms production) called me up and asked if something could not be done to permit the British order for 2,000 planes which they want but for which they had not been able to place orders."

Mr. Morgenthau added that Mr. Knudsen told him that plenty of capacity was available for orders if they could only be placed.

SIMA FLEES RUMANIA

GEN. ANTONESCU ISSUES DECREE

BELOGRADE, Jan. 29 (Reuter)—All Rumanian passports must be stamped with a special visa before their owners can leave the country, according to a decree issued by General Ion Antonescu. The order includes diplomats.

Presumably it aims at preventing the escape of persons wanted by the Government for their share in the abortive Iron Guard revolt.

Press reports received here state that Horia Sima, leader of the Iron Guard and Vice Premier of Rumania, is now definitely known to have fled from Rumania.

Meanwhile the Military authorities claim to have made a huge haul of arms from the rebels and to have recovered 70 lorry-loads of property looted by Iron Guards.

King Michael and the Queen Mother have given 500,000 lei for the fund for the benefit of soldiers killed in the revolt.

General Antonescu is suffering from influenza.

U.S. EXPORTS TO RUSSIA

Shipments Believed Destined For Reich

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (Reuter)—After conferring with Mr. Sumner Welles for nearly an hour yesterday Lord Halifax told newsmen that he expected to take up with the State Department in the immediate future the question of exports to Russia which Britain believes are replacing Soviet's shipments to Germany.

Lord Halifax said that "a considerable amount" of American goods have been shipped to Russia and "there may be more in future."

Lord Halifax said that he believed that shipments were also being made to Russia from Latin American countries.

COMMONS' STATEMENT

Mr. Cordell Hull, commenting on Mr. Dalton's statement in the House of Commons regarding United States exports to the U.S.S.R., said that he believed that American exports to the Soviet Union were insufficient to be of any great military value to Germany.

King, Queen Tour R.A.F. Aerodromes

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter)—The King, who is one of the busiest men in the war effort of Britain, accompanied by the Queen, yesterday had a long talk with Air Marshal W. Sholto Douglas, Commander-in-Chief of the Fighter Command, about night fighters and the difficulties of intercepting enemy bombers at night.

The King talked to Squadron Leader Young, commander of a crack night fighter squadron, who told him: "I think we may be going to be much more successful in future, Sir."

All this happened in the pilots' rest room at an R.A.F. Fighter Station which culminated a two days' tour during which their Majesties visited five aerodromes of the R.A.F. Bomber and Fighter Commands.

PUBLIC UNREST IN ITALY

Fascist Forces Fire On Demonstrators

BELGRADE, Jan. 29 (Reuter)—Fascist forces have had to fire on demonstrators in Trieste according to people arriving here from Italy yesterday.

Their accounts follow reports of rioting in Milan and Turin.

A number of casualties are said to have been caused at Trieste among the demonstrators who shouted slogans demanding peace, condemning the Fascist regime and denouncing Germany.

Similar demonstrations are reported from many smaller towns in the Po Valley where public unrest is finding expression despite severe measures by the Fascists and the Gestapo.

Ill-Treating Conscientious Objectors

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter)—The War Minister, Captain Margesson has decided the one officer and six non-commissioned officers, against whom allegations of ill-treating conscientious objectors have been made, will be tried by court martial.

In announcing the decision in the House of Commons, Captain Margesson said that the House would appreciate it if he could not make a further statement while the matter was sub judice.

GERMANS FAKED DISTRESS CALL

Empress Liner Safe In Port

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter)—The liner Empress of Australia was almost certainly in harbour, it is pointed out in London, when the alleged attack on her took place.

An S.O.S. said to have come from the ship, stated that she was in a position some 200 miles west of Dakar. This would mean that the nearest British port would be Freetown, in Sierra Leone, about 800 miles away. Thus the ship could not possibly have reached a British port during the time between the alleged S.O.S. and the announcement that the ship was safe.

It is suggested that the Germans most probably are anxious to discover the whereabouts of the Empress of Australia and sent out the fictitious S.O.S. in the hope of learning this.

SOVIET PUPPET AND FINNISH WHITE GUARDS

MOSCOW, Jan. 29 (Reuter)—A reminder that they were living in a frontier republic and must strive unceasingly to strengthen the country's defences was uttered by M. Kuusinen, President of the Supreme Council of the Karelian-Finnish Soviet Republic, speaking at Petrozavodsk at a meeting marking the anniversary of Lenin's death.

M. Kuusinen declared that Finnish White Guards, who are saying that they are striving to maintain friendly relations with the U.S.S.R., are actually imprisoning and beating up friends of the Soviet Union in Finland and a Finnish Court recently decided to close the Society of Friendship with the Soviet Union on grounds that it was impairing Soviet-Finnish relations.



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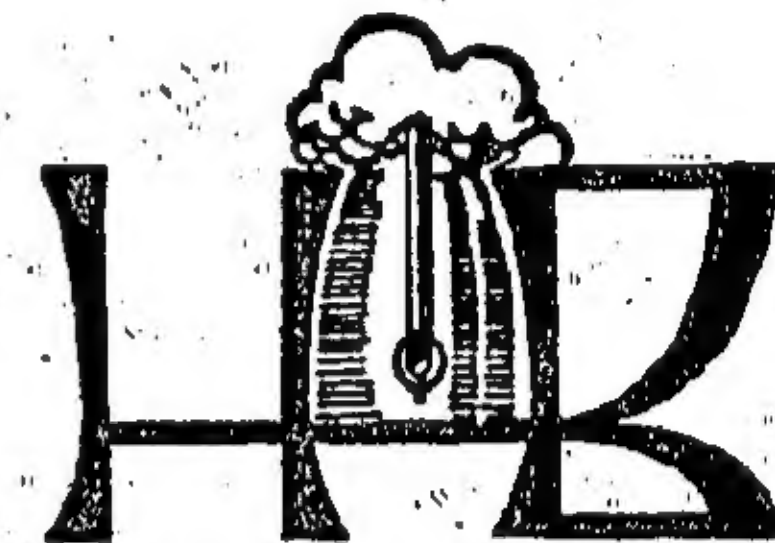
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SIKH COMMITTEE TO PRESS CLAIMS

LAHORE, Jan. 29 (Reuter)—The Executive Committee of the Khalsa Defence of India League has decided to send a deputation, under the leadership of the Maharaja of Patiala, to wait on the Commander-in-Chief to press the rights and claims of the Sikh community in respect of entrance into the Indian Army.

The Executive Committee has also resolved to constitute committees of the League throughout the Punjab.

BORDER ARMISTICE NEGOTIATIONS

TOKYO, Jan. 29 (Reuter)—Most of the representatives of French Indo-China and Thailand who are to participate in the armistice negotiations arrived in Saigon today, according to the Domei Agency.

This indicates that the negotiations would open tomorrow as scheduled.

Meanwhile, a message from Bangkok states that despite the official armistice which was due to take effect at 10 a.m. fighting

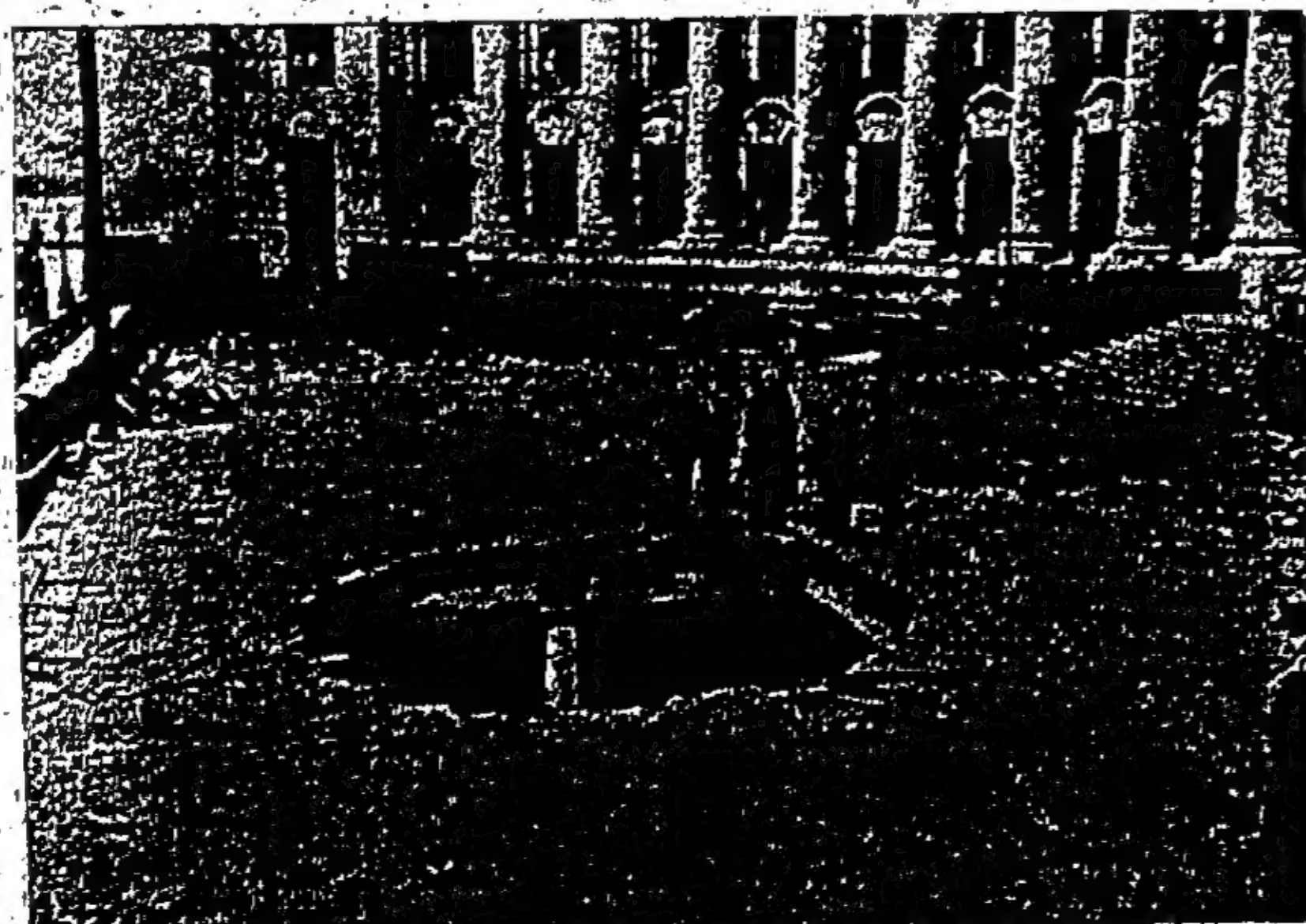
BRITISH SUBMARINE REPORTED LOST

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter)—An Admiralty communique announces that the British submarine Triton is overdue and must be considered lost.

The next of kin have been informed.

between Thailand and French Indo-China continued all day yesterday.

The communique says that Japan has been informed of this.



The bombing of London. A crater made by a big bomb which fell in front of the London County Hall.

Salt Administration Given Judgment On Claim For \$221,327.54

THE SALT ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHINESE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT were the plaintiffs in an action, claiming damages amounting to \$221,327.54, brought before the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor, at the Supreme Court yesterday, against TSANG PAK-WOON, trading as Tak Kee Hong, of No. 55 Bonham Strand East, and Poon Yuek-kwong, trading as Chuen Kee Cheong, of No. 24 Wing Kut Street, for breach of contract.

According to the statement of claim, a contract, with first defendant as the principal and second as guarantor, was entered into on Nov. 23, 1939, and was for the delivery of 8,000 tons of salt.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan, represented the plaintiffs. Defendants were not legally represented and were not present in Court.

Mr. Potter said that the plaintiffs were a department of the Chinese Government and were entitled, under the authorities, to sue or liable to be sued in Hongkong. Defendants had originally filed a statement of defence which was ordered to be struck off because of their non-compliance with an order for discovery and, since then, Messrs. Hastings & Co., who were acting for them, had repelled no further instructions.

TERMS OF CONTRACT
The terms of contract, said Mr. Potter, were that defendants were to deliver 8,000 tons of salt at a rate of not less than 1,200 tons per month at the price of \$40.90 (H.K.). Only 780 tons were delivered and though plaintiffs went out of their way to help them, defendants could not fulfil the contract. As a result, plaintiffs were forced to purchase salt from elsewhere at prices higher than that in the contract, suffering a loss to the amount claimed for.

Mr. Lui Yan-sang, a representative appointed by the Chinese Government in connexion with the proceedings, said that he was the Director of the Hongkong office until Jan. 10. The contract, which was signed on Nov. 23, 1939, by Mr. Ho Shun-yung, then Assistant Director, provided for the delivery of 8,000 tons but only 780 tons had been received.

REPEATED REQUESTS
After repeated requests for the delivery of the remaining tonnage had failed the Administration was forced to purchase 5,874 tons of foreign salt at an average price of \$52.575, the total amount paid being \$308,860.09. The same amount of salt to be bought under the contract price would have been \$87,537.55.

When the contract was made the Administration made a deposit of \$10,000 but this sum had not been refunded by defendants. Judgment for plaintiffs with costs for \$221,327.54, plus \$10,000 deposited with defendants, was given by his Lordship.

B. W. O. F.

The following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the British War Organisation Fund:—

Previously acknowledged, £100 and \$27,363.31.
Mr. and Mrs. B. Johannessen \$1,000, Anonymous 100, Anonymous 70, M.G. Carruthers (monthly) 15, D.W. Harrie (monthly) 10, Q.A.M. N.S. Mess (monthly) 15, Anonymous 5, D.C. Edmondston (monthly) 250, Royal H.K. Golf Club—being sale of Golf Clubs on behalf of a lady associate 35, Rev. and Mrs. T.A. Broadfoot (monthly) 5, Billiards Committee H.K. Area Sports Board 135.80. Total: \$629,004.11.

ESCAPE FROM IMMIGRATION DEPOT

The first escape from the newly established Immigration Depot in Connaught Road West occurred yesterday when a man, Lee Ying-wa, aged 25, detained for having failed to produce the necessary documents for entry into the Colony when he arrived in a riverboat from Macao on Monday, managed to elude the guard and make his way out.

NEW HOUSE GUTTED IN N.T. FIRE

Property to the total value of \$4,000 was completely gutted on Tuesday morning when a fire broke out at an unnumbered house at Shataukok, New Territories. The conflagration started at a new two storey house which served as a grocery. Owing to lack of communication the fire was not placed under control until the whole premises had been burned down.

The cause of fire was believed to be carelessness with joss sticks.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG.:

BIG SUPPLEMENTARY VOTE FOR UPKEEP OF COLONY INTERNEES

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council will hold a meeting today at the Council Chambers when supplementary votes totalling \$599,634 will come up for consideration.

The biggest item comes under the head of Public Debt (Interest on 3½ per cent. Dollar Loan, 1940) for which the sum of \$203,325 is requested. Another big vote, \$95,400, comes under the head of Harbour Dept. and Air Services while a sum of \$10,000 is requested for the maintenance of internees.

Other votes follow:—

Colonial Secretary's Office (uniforms for office attendants and messengers) \$30.

Charitable Services (Po Leung Kuk) \$6,500; (Taipei Rural Orphanage annual grant) \$1,200.

Defence, Volunteer Defence Corps (Personal Emoluments) \$28,200; Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force (Uniforms) \$2,500.

Air Raid Precautions (Hire of halls and lecture fees) \$4,000.

Legal Departments (legal expenses), \$2,975.

Medical Department (Relief of overcrowding of Chinese Hospitals) \$17,000; (Anti-Malarial field work) \$3,000.

Miscellaneous Services (Government Gazette) \$4,000.

Prisons Department (Fuel) \$14,000.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Recurrent and Water Works, Public Works (General) (Maintenance and Improvements of roads and bridges) \$30,000; (Footpath and drain connections) \$32,000.

Sanitary Department (Motor meat vans, running expenses) \$5,000.

Public Works Extraordinary (Immigration office at Taipei) \$3,800; (Alternations to four godowns for use as an immigration depot) \$24,000; (Manure bins of Kennedy Town cattle depot) \$7,800; (Resumption of Inland Lot No. 1135) \$55,000.

TOO BUSY TO ATTEND CAMP DUTY: HONGKONG VOLUNTEER SUMMONED

"I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A KEEN VOLUNTEER, BUT I DO NOT INTEND TO LOSE MY MEANS OF LIVELIHOOD FOR VOLUNTEER DUTIES: I must think of my wife and children. What would happen to them if I lose my job?" said LEE PING-FUI, member of H.K. V.D.C., before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when he was summoned at the instance of Col. H. B. Rose, Commandant of H.K.V.D.C., for failing to comply with Volunteer orders.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, who conducted the prosecution, said that defendant was ordered to attend Volunteer Camp for a period of one week. Defendant informed his superior officer that he had just been transferred to the Asia Insurance Company and that he was too busy to attend camp duty.

Another order was conveyed to defendant allowing him to be present for a shorter period, from Dec. 5 to Dec. 10, during which defendant did not turn up at all. As a result Capt. E. N. Thursby, Adjutant, sent him an order asking him for an explanation for being absent from camp. But again defendant failed to appear.

WOULD LOSE POSITION

Mr. Murphy said that this was a complete disregard of order from the Commandant and should not be allowed to go on if the Volunteers were to be kept under control. He asked his Worship to take a very serious view against this offence.

Defendant said that he had newly been transferred to the Asia Life Insurance Company and his absence from the company would mean the loss of his job.

He also said that he had gone to see Capt. Austin with a view to giving an explanation but he was

A.R.P. ORDERS

JANUARY 29, 1941

A.R.P. Orders issued by Wing-Commander A.H.S. Steele-Perkins, C.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions.

A.R.P. HANDBOOKS

Owing to the fact that many candidates, who do not attend the full course of lectures, fail to return the A.R.P. Handbooks issued to them, it has become necessary to institute a new system.

Commencing with class C 290, instructors must collect 50 cts. (fifty cents) from each candidate to whom he issues handbooks, and send this money to A.R.P. Headquarters with the unused books.

This sum of fifty cents will be refunded to all successful candidates at the time of their attestation. No refund will be made to unsuccessful candidates.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

The following Warden has been permitted to resign:—
2475 E. Zulaut (T. land) on leaving the Colony.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

The following changes of address are notified for information:—
3047 Cheng lu (A) to 5 Garden Terrace, 1st floor (O); 1047 Lee Shu-tung (W) to 106 Queen's Road West ground floor (U.L.); 2620 Lam Kam-hon (W) to 37 Eastern Street, 1st floor (U.L.).

INSTRUCTIONAL COURSE

A lecture on Warden's actions in incidents involving H.E. and incendiary Bombs will be given by Mr. Francis Wong, L.A.R.P.S., to Wardens of District "C", Shamshuipo, on Friday, Jan. 31, at 19.00 hours at District Headquarters.

Wardens' Classes in Chinese

(Syllabus "A")
C290 Bakhary Girls' School, 37 Jordan Road, Kowloon, Mon. and Sat. at 7 p.m. commencing on Feb. 3 Lecturer.—Mr. Enoch Cheung, L.A.R.P.S.; C291 Wah Yan College, Nelson Street, Kowloon, Wed. and Sat. at 7 p.m. commencing on Feb. 8 Lecturer.—Mr. Ma Kam-kong, L.A.R.P.S.; C292 A.R.P. School, Happy Valley, Tues. and Fri. at 7.30 p.m. commencing on Feb. 7 Lecturer.—Mr. Kwong Heung-wing, L.A.R.P.S.

STRENGTH-INCREASE

The following have qualified as Air Raid Wardens and are posted to Divisions as hereunder:—

Shamshuipo.—3115 Chan Yuet, 3413 Chun Yab-lam, 3414 King Sun, 3415 Kung Yick, 3416 Miss Lam Fung Kwan, 3417 Lam Wing-on, 3418 Miss Lee Yim-bing, 3419 Miss Lee Yuen-bing, 3420 Tse Chok-ping, 3421 Mrs. Wong Chau-ying, 3422 Miss Wong Nap-ying, 3423 Miss Wong Lee-yar, 3424 Miss Yam Shuk-ching, 3425 Yu Kwok-sui, 3298 Cheung Tim-fat, 3412 Mongkok.—3428 Leung Yau-kam, 1792 Pang Moon-chee (on returning to the Colony), 3427 Wong Man-kam, 3428 Wong Wah-hung.

Yammat.—3401 Chan Hing, 3402 Chui Kim-hung, 3403 Huen Shu-wing, 3404 Kwong Kwai-leung, 3405 Lam Chung-man, 3406 Leung Shek-kin, 3406 Pang Moon-chun, 3407 Wong Ho-yin, 3408 Wong Lung, 3408 Wong Wu, 3410 Yu Kam-key, 3411 Yuen Kwok-ching.

Eastern.—3381 Hui Kwok-lam.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

The following have qualified as Air Raid Wardens but are not available for duty with the Corps:—
Leung Wal-kit, Lau Wah-hung, Margaret Lee.

AUXILIARY FIRE SERVICE

The Superintendent, Auxiliary Fire Service, publishes the following for the information of all concerned:—

Special Parades.—Special parades will be held in Hongkong Division at No. 2 Police Station Compound at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 6, and in Kowloon Division at Divisional Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 6.

It is of very great importance that all members of the Auxiliary Fire Service attend, bringing with them all uniform and equipment.

Dress for parade will be rough serge uniform, top boots and full equipment. Dungaree uniforms will be worn by those men not yet issued with rough serge. Certain announcements, of interest to all members, will be made; and every member is enjoined to do his utmost to attend the parades.

(Sgd.) B. H. FUCKLE,

Deputy Director of A.R.P.

A National Government mandate appointed Mr. U. Yi-an member of the standing committee of the National Relief Commission.

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URBAN COUNCIL MEETING

TWO APPLICATIONS REFUSED

An application for an eating house licence for No. 49, Main St., Stanley, ground floor, was refused by the Urban Council at its fortnightly meeting yesterday on the grounds that the premises were totally unfit for such a trade, faults being lack of drainage, well water, and overcrowding.

Another application for a food shop licence for No. 801, Canton Road, ground floor, was also refused. It was pointed out by the Chairman that the applicant was the owner also of a vegetable lawn in Waterloo Road and it was against the policy of the Council to grant an extension on the other side of the premises. The Food Council had supported the recommendation for refusal of a licence.

A list of licences granted by the Council, tabulated for the meeting, totalled five. These were Food Preserving Establishments 2, Bake Houses 1, Eating Houses 1, Neon Signs 1.

PRESENT

Hon. Mr. W. J. Cairne was in the Chair and the following members were also present:—Dr. N. C. MacLeod, Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr. A. de Arculli, Dr. S. N. Chau, Mr. B. Wong Tape, Mr. Tang Shu-kin, Hon. Dr. Li Tse-fong, Mr. C. V. Ree (Secretary) and Mr. Im Ping-tseung (Asst. Secretary).

STAR FERRY CO. REPORT

The "Star Ferry Company" limited report that, subject to audit, the amount at credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year ended Dec. 31, 1940, is: \$337,271.92.

Less amount of Interim Dividend paid at \$200 per share on 16/8/40, 160,000.00—\$177,271.92.

Amount brought forward from the year 1939, 45,842.80—Total now available for distribution, \$222,914.72.

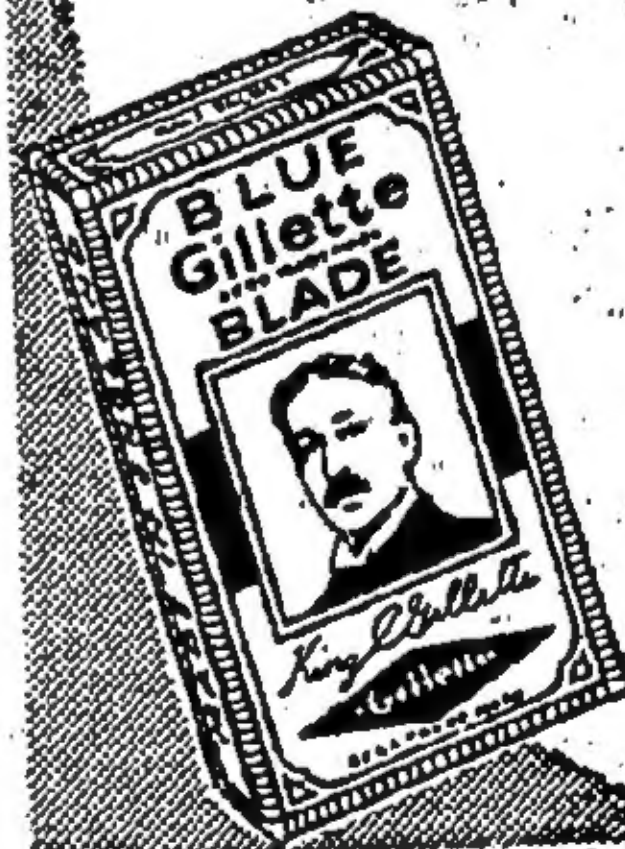
At the forthcoming Annual Meeting of Shareholders, the Directors will recommend an appropriation as follows:—

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Herbert Tong appearing with Gloria Yip and Dora Chow at the British War Fund Ball at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday, January 31. Tickets are available at the Hongkong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

R.A.O.B. (G.L.E.) CLUB.

Annual General Meeting of the R.A.O.B. (G.L.E.) Club, will be held on the club premises, 8 p.m. Thursday, 30th January.

R.A.F. SERGEANTS' MESS, KAI TAR.

The R.A.F. Sergeants' Mess does not accept responsibility for the accounts of any firm whose trading with the Mess has not been approved in writing by the Commanding Officer.

DEATH

At Queen Mary Hospital, A. D. Brankston (Archie) son of Mr. A. B. Brankston and the late Mrs. Brankston of Shanghai, at the age of 31.

Funeral passing monument at 5.15 p.m. today.

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THE WORLD OF TOMORROW

WHILE BATTLES are being won and lost and new developments continue to emerge in the struggle which Britain is heading for world freedom, people are beginning to weigh the facts before them in estimating what the world of tomorrow will be. A stupendous price is being paid today by both parties in the conflict in an endeavour to attain their ideals and it is, therefore, opportune to examine these ideals for the shaping of the future of the universe. A comparison of the two worlds which the combatants are each attempting to establish is not difficult to picture from the events that have taken place during sixteen months of conflict, even though the fight between the idealists may be considerably prolonged and the price of attainment of the goal heavier still. Each party in the present struggle is fully convinced that what they are fighting for is the best for the world of tomorrow, but the underlying principles of this new world show a very marked difference.

THE WORLD that Herr Hitler and his associates are attempting to fashion for the future is based on the principle of hate and brutality. It is designed to bring about the enslavement of millions to domination by a few and, in such circumstances, the result would be a world without peace—a world in which the people will live in fear of their masters and in which individual and national progress will be retarded and held in check in order to permit the dominant race to reap the full benefits for themselves. The picture is, indeed, a sordid one and it is the contemplation of such a world of the future that has rallied those who have recoiled with disgust from the early manifestations of this ruthless power quietly and steadily

C.N.A.C. Plane
Crash Details

A pilot of the China National Aviation Corporation who returned to Hongkong after locating the wreckage of the company's trimotored Ford transport which crashed on Friday night, reports that one wing of the plane was sheared off in the crash, but that the fuselage appeared to be intact.

The rescue plane was unable to land near the wreckage which is located on a steep mountainside. Further investigation of the condition of the plane and its occupants was made impossible by a fall of snow which had partially covered the wreckage. Two officials of the company's Hongkong office were landed in a town near the spot and are on their way to the scene of the accident, but the local office so far has not received any reports from these investigators.

CHARTERED FLIGHT

The transport left Hongkong Friday evening on a chartered flight for the interior, with pilot Bernard Wong at the controls, K. C. Wu as co-pilot, and P. L. Chang as radio operator. Another company employee being transferred to an office in interior China and an employee of the establishment chartering the plane were also on board.

C.N.A.C. officials here declared themselves worried by the absence of reports from the pilot and crew of the plane. Mr. Wong is one of the company's veteran pilots, American-born and American-trained, and has flown on its lines for eight years.

ly to the side of the people whose conception of a new world of peace and plenty is on an entirely different plane—a plane in which Christian ideals will find a place instead of paganism.

THERE is already ample evidence of the results of a Europe overrun by Nazism and one can visualise the future if Britain should go down before the forces of the evil genius which has sought to secure world domination for himself. The picture is a grim one. The world would be turned into an armed camp, foreign trade would be dictated on intolerable terms, standards of living would fall to the lowest possible depths and the people of the conquered countries would be completely crushed under the burden of taxation. The outward semblance of peace and accord would be nothing but an illusion. What a terrible contrast to the world which Britain and her allies are endeavouring to establish? It is this realisation that makes the payment of any price, no matter how high, worthwhile so long as it can guarantee international co-operation, the brotherhood of nations, a new structure for justice and peace and the security of the rights and liberties of the individual.

AMONG the nations which support this ideal of the world of tomorrow stands the great democracy across the Atlantic whose people have now definitely thrown the full weight of their influence and resources into the efforts which Britain and her allies are making to prevent the forces of aggression from bringing the world of hate into fruition. From the moment that Britain took up arms against the totalitarian powers, the people of the United States have had the time to evaluate the position and to consider what the aftermath of an Axis victory would bring to them. Isolationism, non-intervention and pacifism have started to crumble under the tremendous urge which has swept throughout the country to make it possible for Britain to attain the goal of freedom for the whole universe. It has been brought home more and more to the Americans that unless they do this they will not be held

SEA TRAGEDY
NEAR H.K.
WOMAN JUMPS
OVERBOARD

The trip from Shanghai of a British ship which arrived in port on Monday, was marred by an alleged suicide.

A third class woman passenger, native of Shanghai, and aged about 43, is believed to have jumped into the sea on Monday morning.

It is reported that deceased's husband is at present serving with the Police Force in the Colony. She had lived here for over ten years and last year she and her four children were seen to Shanghai by her husband.

When in the country, she heard that her husband had taken a concubine. Together with her children she immediately embarked for Hongkong.

The master of the vessel reported the matter to the Police.

WATCHMAN
FOUND DEAD

The body of a watchman, Chan Kee, aged about 37 years, was found when a house under construction at No. 257 Des Voeux Rd. West was visited yesterday.

It is believed that Chan had probably died before the Chinese New Year. It is also known that the man had been ill for some time past.

Chinese Youths Leave
Communist Party

Fifteen Chinese youths from Malaya have put an announcement in the local Press in Shikwan severing relations with the Chinese Communist Party.

They said that they had raised a large amount of funds in aid of the New Fourth Army while they were in Malaya but were disappointed to find out its conspiracy against the National Government upon their return to China recently. (Central News)

NEWSETTES

A Kiangsi Youth Daily will be issued in Kian on February 1. Major-General Chiang Ching-kuo, son of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, is managing director of the paper, says Central News.

The forthcoming marriage between Mr. Esmael Hajee Esmael merchant, residing at No. 9 Village Road, and Miss Ayesha Doris Patricia Chan, of No. 9 Tung Fung Street, was announced at the Registry yesterday.

The Hongkong Committee for Student Relief will hold a charity bazaar at the Wah Kiu School, Castle Road, on Jan. 31. The bazaar will remain open for three days, ending on Feb. 2. The University of Hongkong, Queen's College and other schools are expected to take part in the bazaar.

News has been received in Hongkong that William Pryde, youngest son of Mr. Walter Pryde of the P. W. D. has been awarded the soccer Blue at Cambridge. Pryde was the winner of last year's Peace Memorial Scholarship. While a student at the Central British School here, "Bill" Pryde was an outstanding athlete and excelled in football, cricket, hockey and distance-running.

It is learned that the novel variety entertainment entitled "FUNETTY," which is being presented on Saturday at the China Fleet Club Theatre in aid of the South China Morning Post "BOMBER" Fund, is to be under the distinguished patronage of the Acting Governor, His Excellency Lieut.-General E. F. Norton, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., His Excellency Major-General A. E. Grasett, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., and the Honourable the Commander.

guiltless of responsibility for the consequences of a world of Herr Hitler's making. They have now decided that they will not accept any other world for tomorrow except that which Britain is striving to fashion.

LAMENTABLE
SITUATION
IN EUROPE

MR. LESLIE HOWARD, the well-known film actor, in the course of a broadcast from London on Tuesday furnished evidence of conditions in Europe, even among the neutral countries. Mr. Howard read a letter which he had received from a friend of his in Switzerland, which stated as follows:—

"When I arrived here I found a lamentable situation. The people are not happy and it is hard to believe that in this neutral country I miss London in spite of all the bombs. I am applying myself seriously to the cause of Britain, and I miss so much of the danger of the life in London. It appears to be calm, but there is unrest. I feel that I must do something useful, so if you can think of something, let me know. I have been doing some articles about England, but it is not easy as the censorship is severe. One may not have an opinion. One feels that one is already under the German yoke."

WHAT REMAINS

"That letter comes from a very small European neutral," said Mr. Howard. "So what remains? Friendship with the Western Hemisphere. They are looking to us for guidance."

"This brings us to the Republic of the United States. This is only my second country, as I only claim the right of residence. I know how strongly my American friends feel about all this. I have got this impression very clearly from my friends in their letters to me."

"And now Americans are ready to help with both hands and the world knows exactly where that country stands. America is beginning to experience the peace of mind that comes from courage."

"Let us remember that this courage illuminates every corner of the earth and only thus will the scourge be swept away and humanity will rise higher instead of sinking lower."

GIRL'S OFFER
TO DOCTORS

A girl patient of St. Luke's Hospital, Chelsea, knowing she has not long to live, has consented to be used for research work, in the hope that by so doing medical science may be able to make tests that may be a help to others.

She is Violet Brain, who for 14 years has lain in the hospital a helpless but cheerful invalid.

Four years ago she was enrolled in the Girl Guides as a Post Ranger, and only her courage has enabled her to pass her tests. Entirely helpless and with speech a difficulty, she has struggled against fate.

HIGHEST HONOUR

In recognition of her heroism, she has been presented with the badge of fortitude, the highest honour bestowed on Guides. The presentation was made this week by the Countess of Clarendon, County Commissioner for London. She is now qualifying for the Ranger Star, a badge requiring considerable knowledge and ability.

Violet, whose cheerfulness and sense of humour have gained her the love of the hospital staff, numbers among her best friends two Belgian refugees who have become regular members of the Chelsea company.

The Matron of the hospital said last night: "Violet is almost a feature of the hospital. We all love her. Her courage, despite tremendous odds, is a source of inspiration to the patients. She well deserves her award."

DYKE IN HONAN

General Wei Li-huang, Chairman of the Honan Provincial Government has ordered the appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the construction of a dyke along the Lo and I Rivers in Honan to prevent overflowing.

A survey has been completed and work will begin on Feb. 1. (Central News)

Mr. Wu Shang-yung, Chairman of the Economic Affairs Committee of the Legislative Yuan, has been appointed Secretary-General of the Yuan, succeeding Mr. Liang Han-chao who has been transferred to another post, according to a mandate issued by the National Government today. Mr. Liang had been Secretary-General of the Legislative Yuan for the past eight years, being first appointed to the post in 1933.

CINEMA CLUB
FORMED AT
Y.M.C.A.

The Hongkong Amateur Cinema Club was formally inaugurated at a meeting held at the Y.M.C.A. last evening. Mr. W. H. Colledge was chairman.

Mr. A. F. Kaufman was appointed secretary. Mr. E. W. Rallion treasurer and Mr. T. Ingram and Mr. A. L. Powell librarians and members of the committee.

It was decided that members' fees would be \$15 or the contribution of 100 feet of exposed, or unexposed, film, subject to the approval of the committee, plus \$1. Members would also be required to pay a monthly fee of \$1 afterwards.

It was also decided that the Club be open for associate members at a fee of \$1 and similar monthly subscription. Full members would be entitled to the use of the library.

The Club will hold a monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of every month.

CELEBRATED
DANCER

A through passenger for Singapore by the s.s. Haruna Maru which called at Hongkong yesterday was Miss Hilary Napier, the celebrated English dancer who won loud acclaim at her many appearances in recitals at Shanghai.

Miss Napier, who is 21, was born in China. She gave her farewell recital at the Lyceum in Shanghai last Friday night, her repertoire including selections from Lorber, Chopin, Macdowell, Schumann, Ganne, Ilyinsky, Rachmaninoff, Niemann, Liszt, Michely and Strauss. Her present plans are a tour of East India.

Alcoholic Poisoning

A 57-year-old Chinese woman, Poon Choi-ying, of No. 91 High Street, first floor, was admitted to the Netherlands Hospital at 9 a.m. yesterday morning suffering from alcoholic poisoning, but died at 1.30 p.m.

It is believed that the poisoning was the result of some brandy which the woman had taken the previous night while celebrating with her family.

MYSTERY "G"
IN NAZI'S
WINDOW

Linked with the serious aspect of a Nazi agent's activities in the United States an amusing story of the manner in which a simple request for ice-cream led to a nationwide mystery.

Dr. Westrick, sent here four months ago as Hitler's special emissary to consult with American business men, took a house on a secluded estate in Scarsdale, in the fashionable Westchester County, near New York. A large capital "G" which at intervals was hung in a second-floor window led to reports of suspicious activities. The house came to be known as "the sign of the 'G'."

It now appears that in New York this sign was understood as an instruction to a firm of dealers to deliver ice-cream for Westrick's two children.

Westrick himself has, however, been receiving a stream of visitors of a different nature, ranging from well-known industrialists to factory workers and mechanics.

Reporters who have checked some of the registration numbers of the cars arriving at the house have traced them to officials of the Texas Company, one of the biggest oil firms in the United States, and to the Underwood Fisher Typewriter Co.

They have also discovered that Westrick is applying for a driver's licence, stated that he was not crippled in any way though he lost a leg in the last war.

KESWICK SHOOTING
SEQUEL

SEANGHAI, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—An application for bail has been received by Mr. Horiuchi, Japanese Consul-General, on behalf of Mr. Yukichi Hayashi, arrested President of the Japanese Ratepayers' Association who shot and wounded Mr. W. J. Keswick.

The application was submitted by the Japanese Amalgamated Association of Street Union who also addressed the Chief of the Japanese Consular Police in whose

MUSSOLINI NOW AT
MERCY OF HITLER

"When you come to think of it, Signor Mussolini is now much more at the mercy of Herr Hitler than are the members of the Government of Vichy," said MR. VERNON BARTLETT, M.P. and journalist, when he broadcast from London yesterday on what Signor Mussolini was up against in East Africa and in Italy.

Mr. Bartlett was of the opinion that the most significant news from Africa was the announcement that the Italians had retreated from Kassala, which is just inside the Sudan frontier.

IMPORTANT FEATURE

An important feature of the war in Africa was the way in which the campaign was progressing east of Egypt and the Sudan.

He declared that if Marshal Graziani's offensive had gone according to plan, he might have captured Khartoum, which was due west of Kassala. There was a railway which runs towards Central Africa from Khartoum, and while the Italians were in Kassala this line had been cut.

That valuable line of communication was now open to the British forces and the British were already making their way to Massawa. The railway between Djibuti and Addis Ababa was the only decent line of communication between Abyssinia and the outer world.

IN ABYSSINIA

"Things are getting too uncomfortable in Abyssinia," went on Mr. Bartlett, "and the Italians will soon find that this line of retreat cut off too. The unfortunate Italian garrisons will be left to reflect on the impossibility of giving them assistance and on the way in which their Duce is becoming more and more the slave of the Fuehrer, about whom he has said such hard things in the past."

Mr. Bartlett stated that a glance at a map of the Middle East would show the effect of the disappearance of Italy's African Empire.

"I don't want to suggest that these disasters in Libya and Abyssinia will lead to the collapse of Italy," he said. "There may be serious riots in Milan and in other cities, but there is very little evidence which has reached London on this."

"The main thing is the German question. There is a growing suspicion in Italy about German intentions. Herr Hitler may send a much larger garrison to help Signor Mussolini to defend himself and if the ground staffs which accompany his pilots seem very numerous, it still remains very difficult to prove that these men are the advance guard of an army of occupation of Italy."

Mr. Bartlett referred to the recent German statement that the Suez Canal was now in danger because there were German planes in Sicily and said that this seemed hardly fair on the Italians who also had planes in Sicily and it showed what the relations at present were.

ITALY'S POSITION

"When you come to think of it," said Mr. Bartlett, "Signor Mussolini is much more at Herr Hitler's

mercy today than are the members of the Government of Vichy. Signor Mussolini can do nothing against Herr Hitler and can only surrender to Britain. Marshal Fretin, however, could always state that too harsh terms on France might throw a large part of the French Empire into revolt, whether the Government desires it or not."

Mr. Bartlett said that such a development would be most annoying to Herr Hitler now. The French base at Bizerte, just opposite Sicily and at the narrowest part of the Mediterranean brought the British Army, Navy and Air Force uncomfortably close to Tripoli. If Herr Hitler was able to get Tripoli he could make use of Bizerte and the British Fleet would be too far away to interfere. Besides, the distance between Sicily and Tripoli was double that between Sicily and Bizerte. The Germans had now started the old story which they used in Norway and Denmark to say that Bizerte is in danger of an attack by the British.

IN BRITAIN

"We in England rejoice over the way in which Herr Hitler has lost the initiative in the Mediterranean," said Mr. Bartlett. "But we do realise how necessary it is for him to knock us out of the war within the next few weeks."

Mr. Bartlett stated that there were at present two important Americans in England—Mr. Harry Hopkins and Mr. Wendell Willkie. They would go home, he said, with the full knowledge of the importance of speeding up supplies for Britain.

"Herr Hitler a'so has that knowledge and he cannot afford to wait to see the result of his attempt to cut the Mediterranean in two."

Mr. Bartlett referred to a statement in the BERLINER ZEITUNG which stated that Mr. Churchill, standing on heaps of ruins, had been making a laughing stock of himself by switching from boastful phrases to calls for help.

NO SIGN OF FEAR

"I have been visiting some of those ruins and I found very little boastfulness and not the slightest sign of fear," said Mr. Bartlett. "I visited Bristol, which is in a bad mess, but whereas I heard no call for help I did hear the songs of a battalion of cheerful soldiers marching through the town."

Mr. Bartlett went on to state that it was in the country that there was to be found that lively confidence and the firm conviction that if the Germans attempt to invade Britain they would be more sorry after it than the British would be. "We all know this spring will be a season more of suffering than of joy. But I could find no sign of fear in the faces of these west country people."

NEW METHOD OF
BLOOD STORAGE

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, British Minister of Health, announced recently a medical discovery through which blood given by donors for transfusion may be retained for use indefinitely.

Originally this blood kept its properties for only three weeks, he said. Now it had been discovered that if the red corpuscles were taken out of blood, the white, platelet liquid called plasma which remained was just as good for treating average cases of shock as the "full-blooded article" and could be kept indefinitely.

REDUCED TO POWDER

The plasma could be reduced to a powder, which, when water was added, took on all the virtues of the original liquid.

The administration of plasma is particularly useful in cases of shock after operations, emergency or otherwise, and where the actual haemorrhage has not been severe. It increases the actual volume of blood fluid in the vessels and draws back fluid that may have escaped into the tissues into the normal circulation.

custody Mr. Hayashi was placed after the shooting.

Meanwhile, the Consular body has decided to convene the new Ratepayers' meeting on Feb. 5.

HITLER'S REPLY
TO PETAIN

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Comte de Brinon, the Vichy Government representative in Paris, has returned to Paris from Germany with Hitler's reply to the message sent him by Marshal Petain last month, according to the Swiss radio.

Marshal Petain's message, which is understood to have concerned the Marshal's conditions for Franco-German co-operation, was transmitted to Hitler by the Vichy Minister of Marine, Admiral Darlan, when he visited Paris during Christmas week.

Previously there had been a crop of unconfirmed reports that Hitler had made far-reaching demands, mainly concerning the future of the French Fleet.

LYEEMUN RETURNS
FROM INDO-CHINA

It was learned that the British ship Lyeemun, which left for French Indo-China some time ago with a general cargo in the nature of a test run, has returned to the Colony with 10,000 bags of rice on board at 10 a.m. yesterday.

The ship was the first boat to sail for French Indo-China, since the signing of the Japan-French Indo-China Agreement.

It was further understood that the ship will leave for the French port in a day or two on another trip.

GERMANY IN BELGIUM PROPAGANDA'S NOTABLE SUCCESS: LITTLE SIGN SEEN OF PASSIVE RESISTANCE

BY A LONDON TIMES CORRESPONDENT
London.—The continual stream of refugees from Belgium through Portugal has given an opportunity of forming a fairly accurate picture of what is taking place in that country under German occupation. The one fact upon which both Belgians and neutrals agree is the probability of a serious famine in Belgium, this winter.

Gloomy famine forebodings are based upon ample facts. Already Belgium is short of food, chiefly fats, meat, and grain. The harvest is still another six weeks to two months off. In any case it is bad, and in normal times Belgium receives more than 70 per cent. of her wheat from America. Her cattle industry is also largely dependent upon foreign feeding stuffs.

The shortage is due to economic and geographical causes, and not to wholesale German requisitioning. In the main the German army which came to Belgium was fed from Germany; what was taken and paid for in worthless paper marks especially printed for the occasion was on a small and local scale. Temporary breakdowns in the German transport system were the cause.

Unlike Holland, Belgium did not build up large reserves of food. The blockade has hindered delivery of wheat from America, so that today there is practically none left. In regard to fats, milk, eggs, and meat the need not at the moment so grave, but it is likely in the near future to assume very serious proportions, owing primarily to the German economic policy in Belgium. The Germans have decided that the Belgians are too well fed and could do with a lot less food, certainly with much less butter. With this conviction has gone a determination to change the whole course of the country's rural economy.

Pasture is to be cut down by 50 per cent., with a corresponding increase in arable land. A decree has already put this plan into operation. Inevitably cattle have to be slaughtered, and while meat will continue to be obtainable, milk and butter will become progressively scarcer. At the same time poultry are to be obliterated from the land. Only 10 per cent. of pre-war poultry stocks can be maintained; this means the survival only of the hardiest fowl who can fend for himself in the steadiest. Thus the egg has vanished.

THE INDUSTRIAL OUTLOOK

There are still plenty of vegetables and fruit, so that when the worst comes to the worst the poor man's soup can be distributed in decreasing quantities. Vegetables and fruit are, however, strictly rationed so that a good surplus can be had for preserving and tinning, a process which does not seem to be hampered by the almost complete lack of sugar.

Beer is another commodity which is to be heaped under the axe of German necessity. Thirty to 40 per cent. only of the pre-war consumption will be brewed. The malt which it is hoped to have as surplus after this economy will be sent to Germany to be turned into coffee.

There is another side to this inclusion of Belgium within an overriding Reich economy. In consultation with Belgian industrialists and bankers, vital decisions are being taken involving the fate of the country's principal industries. The production of cement and bricks is encouraged, while the motor-car tyre industry is to be closed down.

This appears to be within the compass of the German intention to try to make Holland and Belgium, and possibly Denmark, complementary units within one economy whose direction will be from Berlin and whose policy will depend upon the exigencies of the Third Reich. So far as possible they must be independent of any support from Germany and yet capable of maintaining themselves at a level above the starvation line.

The implications of such a policy, if it comes to anything are not yet appreciated by the ordinary Belgian. He is given glowing accounts of the prospects of the prospects of the future by his German master. Nazi and military quarters ridicule the idea of a food shortage in the coming winter.

As propaganda it may be good, yet the forebodings of well-informed Belgians and neutrals are shared by the German bankers who have followed into Belgium on the heels of the army. These gentry have few illusions about the real state of affairs and in suitable company have no modesty in expressing their doubts. Indeed, they have a risky job, being

expected to make an economy work which does not contain the seeds of success within it.

A first check came, quickly, in consultation with the Belgian Central Bank of Issue, the German financial experts decided to found a note issue upon the backing of 25 per cent. of the value of all immovable property in the country.

The plan proved impracticable, and for the present the cash buying power of the Belgians, except those who are so lucky as to earn a few marks by working for their masters, is derived from hoarded money now coming to light. The stock will rapidly dwindle, especially as so many commodities have to be paid for in marks purchasable at an expensive rate of exchange.

FRIENDS OR FOES?

While the economic side of the picture is not bright, the political aspect is rapidly deteriorating. At the beginning the whole German propaganda was directed towards making the Belgians feel not too dissatisfied with their lot. The behaviour of the invading troops was in the main excellent. Every endeavour was made to gain Belgian co-operation in all branches of public activity.

The Belgians were reminded continually that this invasion was very different from that of 1914, different in two ways. The Germans could be good friends or the most fearful enemies. Ever since the beginning of the invasion the Germans have taken care to show their powers of potential frightfulness. Most Belgians saw the vast swastika painted on the sides of German aeroplanes in the first days, and heard the terrifying noises made by bombs and shells. Now German bombers drone continually over the Belgian cities, performing the dual service of inducing terror and training new pilots.

German propaganda has certainly had a notable success. The passive resistance of 1914-18 is nowhere in evidence. There is in fact a considerable amount of co-operation, willingly given and gratefully accepted. Ministers are functioning, deprived of their chiefs, but still with an experienced body of permanent civil servants. Most of the big bankers and industrialists who are still in Belgium are continually consulted by the Germans.

Almost the only major change from the old dispensation is the substitution of German military officials for the provincial governors. Nothing has been left undone to blacken the British in Belgian eyes; the same applies in a less degree to the French. This has not been difficult since the King still holds the affections of the people, and the attitude of the Allies and especially of the Poles Government to the royal repatriation profoundly shocked many Belgians. It has formed a happy text for German propaganda ever since.

THE ACE OF TRUMPS

The triumphs of German propaganda are becoming less marked as the occupation lengthens. It was in the first place rather overdone. Then the Germans have as yet had no success in capturing the allegiance of the King to the new order of things. He is the ace of trumps in the political pack of cards. Unlike Queen Wilhelmina and the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg, who have simply been ignored by the Germans, King Leopold is the key to the Belgian situation. If he could not be persuaded to accept responsibility and form a Government under German dictation the way in the future would be simple.

The Belgian Government in France had little following. The King is the only possible alternative. But the King has consistently refused to co-operate in any way with the Germans. All kinds of personal and political pressure have been brought to bear upon him; promises of a future free Belgium; when the Hitler victory

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STRANGE CONTRAST

Mr. Lakin then touched on the other side of the picture and declared that Admiral Raeder's speech to the German workers showed a distinct difference to the usual Nazi screams. It was in fact in strange contrast to a speech made by Herr Darre on the eve of the attack on France when he said that France would be crushed and then England would be easy to demolish.

"I have never heard such an apologetic speech as that which Admiral Raeder made yesterday coming from Nazi lips before," said Mr. Lakin.

Mr. Lakin next referred to developments in France and mentioned that M. de Brignon, who was a great friend of Laval, was due in Vichy yesterday with Herr Hitler's reply to Marshal Petain's message.

Mr. Lakin said that the reply no doubt contained new German proposals and they could well imagine what these proposals would be.

HITLER'S ANXIETY

Herr Hitler was anxious to secure a foothold in North Africa and Vichy had always claimed that it was determined to keep the French Navy and French Empire intact.

A German foothold in Tunis would have many advantages for Herr Hitler and would enable him to control the Straits of Sicily, but if Herr Hitler pressed this claim there was more than a possibility that there would be a French revolt against Axis blackmail.

Referring to Signor Mussolini's predicament and the picture of the crumbling Italian Empire, Mr. Lakin said that Herr Hitler, probably realised today that he had made a great blunder when he allowed Signor Mussolini to enter the war at all. The only thing which Herr Hitler could do now was to occupy Italy and by doing that he would saddle himself with yet another packet of trouble.

PENSION FOR HERTZOG

General J. B. M. Hertzog, former Prime Minister of South Africa, who recently resigned his seat in the South African Parliament, is to receive an annual pension of £2,000, states a London message.—(Special)

LONDON, Jan. 29 (BWS)—News has been received in London that Mr. Charles Richards, who was with Lord Willington on the mission to countries of Latin America, had been drowned while bathing at Rio de Janeiro.

Alleged to have attempted to commit suicide by jumping from the third floor of No. 85, Marble Road early yesterday morning, a Chinese, Nam Fook-on, aged 55 years, had been admitted to Queen Mary Hospital in a critical condition.

is an actuality, with suitable compensation in the north of France for the coastal strip which it is intended to form into a German province.

So far the trump card has refused to be played, and as long as he continues to refuse German plans for Belgium are doomed to failure. No amount of propaganda and no amount of apparent willingness to listen to Belgian troubles will turn aside the stark facts of economic disaster.

Belgium is likely to become a grave liability if the war cannot be finished in the shortest possible time. Tempers on both sides are liable to become worn under the rub of economic necessity. If that does happen the old spirit of defiance is certain to reassert itself.



ENGLAND AWAKE—at a sleepy country village, a road is barricaded: precaution against the possibility of parachute invaders.

C.M.S. HOLD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The annual conference of the Church Missionary Society (South China Mission) was held at St. Andrew's Church Hall yesterday morning, Bishop R. O. Hall presiding.

Reports submitted to the meeting were from Major H. L. Wright on leper work at Pakhoi; a report on Medical Relief work in Chung Shan district by the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, a report on missionary work in Calcutta's China Town by the Rev. Chung Yan-yung, and a report on Church conditions in Japan.

THOSE PRESENT

Those present were the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Wittenbach, Rev. Chung Yan-yung, Rev. and Mrs. E. W. L. Martin, Miss J. R. Taylor (Secretary of the Refugee Social Welfare Council), Miss M. A. Jennings (Taipei Rural Orphanage), Miss Atkins, Rev. F. R. Myhill, Mr. E. G. Stewart, Miss E. M. Upsdell, Mr. J. A. Gaunt, Mr. A. E. Job, Miss K. Langford, Miss B. Pope, Miss N. Dillon, Miss E. K. Saunders and Miss S. L. Hollis.

Office-holders and the various committees were re-elected for the coming year.

DEATH OF MR. A.D. BRANKSTON

Expert in Chinese
Art

It is with regret that we have to record the death of MR. A. D. BRANKSTON which occurred at the Queen Mary Hospital, yesterday.

Mr. Brankston was the son of Mr. A. B. Brankston, formerly Managing Director of the New Engineering Co., of Shanghai. He was educated at Brighton College, England, and at the Imperial College of Science and Technology where he took the London University degree in Civil Engineering.

He came to the Far East in 1933 and worked as a surveyor on the Shing Mun Dam in Hongkong.

His interest in Chinese art started from his student days when he used to spend all his spare time in the museums and among the private collections. He was a personal friend of the late Mr. George Eumortopolos and Sir Percival David.

TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP

It was, therefore, only natural that he should be asked, on his return to England in 1935, to assist in cataloguing the art treasures for the Chinese Exhibition. At the successful conclusion of the Exhibition, Mr. Brankston spent some time in helping to catalogue Sir Percival's collection at the Dorchester.

The late Mr. Brankston was granted a travelling fellowship by the Universities' China Committee which took him to India and China for a further study of art and archaeology.

While in Peiping in 1936, he carried forward his studies, extended his knowledge of the Chinese language, and made a host of friends among Chinese art critics. A year later he came back to Hongkong and completed his manuscript on "Early Ming Wares of Ching-te-Chen"—a work based on studies made in the British Museum, at the Louvre in Paris, the National Palace Museum Peiping, among private collections and dealers' stocks in Europe, London and China, published by Yetch of Peiping, and which finally established Mr. Brankston as an expert in that branch of Chinese art.

M. I. APPOINTMENT

Returning to England, he was

GREEK PREMIER DEAD

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The late Gen. Metaxas became Prime Minister in 1936. He played a prominent part in the restoration of the monarchy resulting in the return of King George of Greece from exile in England.

With the King, Gen. Metaxas reorganised the Army and national defences. When the war broke out, Gen. Metaxas proclaimed Greek neutrality which he did all in his power to keep until Mussolini violated that neutrality.

The successes of the Greeks in the war against the Italians were of acknowledged material value to the Allied cause.—(Special)

DISTRESSING NEWS

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter)—The British Minister in Athens reported the distressing news to London, where the following comment was made: "It would be a great injustice to the Greeks to imagine that the death of this great patriot will affect their will to victory."

General Papagos is continuing military operations.

PLUNGED IN GRIEF

ATHENS, Jan. 29 (Reuter)—Greece is plunged in grief, stunned at the almost incredible news that the leader, who became a national hero, is plucked from them at such a vital hour.

The people move wordless about the streets swept by the cold wind under a leaden sky.

The shock was greater by the fact that the public, until they awoke this morning, has been entirely ignorant of the gravity of the illness which had kept the whole Government up all night hearing latest reports of the physicians' battle for the Premier's life.

WORLD OWES DEBT

In the course of a broadcast from London yesterday, Mr. Cyril Lakin referred to the death of General Metaxas and said that the whole world owed him a debt for what he had done. "His inspiring example will stand high among the list of Greek patriots," said Mr. Lakin. "Even now we can say that he saved Greece by his efforts and Europe by his example."

given an appointment in the British Museum in the department of Oriental Antiquities, where he continued to write papers which were accepted as authoritative by the connoisseurs in the subject.

When the Museum was closed, after the outbreak of the present war, he was appointed to the Foreign Office. As, however, his interests were primarily in China, he secured a transfer to the Ministry of Information in the Far Eastern Department under Sir John Pratt. So that he might better serve both the British Government and the Museum, Mr. Brankston came out again to China, arriving in Shanghai last August.

He proceeded to Nanking on a mission, and then came on to Hongkong, arriving in September.

A BRILLIANT MIND

He was never physically strong but he had a brilliant mind, an unerring eye, a discriminating taste in Chinese art, and a sound judgment. He impressed all whom he came in contact as a young man with a splendid future, modest and quiet yet efficient.

Unfortunately he contracted a serious illness which, in spite of a gallant fight, proved fatal.

He made many friends, especially among those who shared his interest and his knowledge, and his death at the age of 31 years, is a serious loss to both England and China.

The funeral will pass the Monument at 5.15 p.m. today.

INVASION OF BRITAIN IN APRIL?

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (Reuter)—In the opinion of some of the best-informed American circles here Germany will attempt to invade Britain in April or May but that Britain will beat off the attack with American help and go on with the war.

This opinion is apparently based on the latest authoritative reports from Europe.

It is believed that Herr Hitler will use an air force of 35,000 planes including new types not yet in use and that he will largely depend on torpedo-carrying aircraft against British naval units.

JAPAN BENT

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plenary meeting of the Budget Committee of the House of Representatives.

Gen. Tojo concluded: "In this sense, nothing destrable has been left undone in strengthening defences in the north. Defences in the north, however, mean the perfection of Japan's national defence and, therefore, does not thwart good neighbourliness and amity."

SIGNIFICANCE OF AIMS

Mr. Matsuo suggested that even some Japanese are unable to understand the significance of Japanese aims, admitting some assumed leadership in the construction of a Greater East Asian co-prosperity sphere signified domination of East Asia by Japan in the role of conqueror "or that Japan is dreaming of a policy of conquest."

MORE MADRAS GIFTS

Madras has cabled another 200,000 rupees for the purchase of aircraft. This brings the total sent by Madras to 5,600,000 rupees. The people of Orissa have sent £5,000 for the purchase of a fighter plane to be known as "The Orissa."

The Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, has cabled to the people of Java informing them that the Spitfire, which they had helped to purchase, was now ready for service.—(Special)

SUBHA BOSE ARRESTED

Mr. Subha Sunda Bose, Indian politician, who disappeared from his home in Calcutta, was found yesterday after an absence of three days and was reported to have been arrested, according to a message from Delhi.—(Special)

ROME, Jan. 29 (Reuter)—The Commandership of the Military Order of Savoja, one of the highest Italian military decorations, has been conferred upon the Crown Prince, the newspapers announce.

This declaration was made by the Foreign Minister in replying to a question during yesterday afternoon's session of the Lower House's Budgetary Committee at which Mr. Matsuo made a lengthy presentation of Japanese aims.

STORES

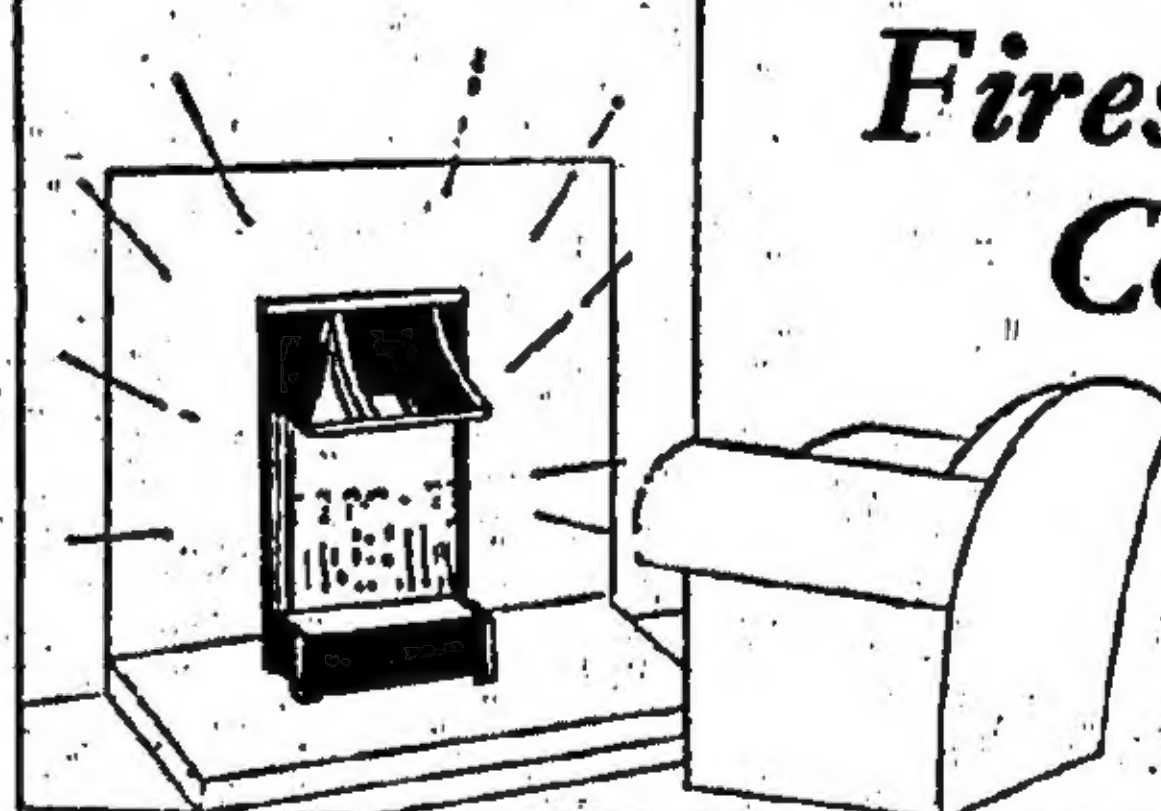
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ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

UNEMPLOYED CAUTIONED

Charged with attempting to obtain money by false pretences from Lo Kan, 41, hawker, on Jan. 20, Au Kin, 28, unemployed, was cautioned and discharged on remand before Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday.

Au was alleged to have written a letter to complainant asking him to meet him (defendant) outside Wing On Company, bringing some money along, so that he could recover complainant's two sons, who were missing since Jan. 9. In Court, defendant stated that he actually knew nothing of the whereabouts of the children.

COAL COOLIE GAOLED

"There is a lot of this thing going on at the playground," remarked Det.-Sgt. J. R. Bentley in the prosecution of Au Tai, 25, coal coolie, charged with stealing, with three others not in custody, \$14 from the person of So Hung, 22, shop foki, at the Southern Playground, Wanchai, on Jan. 27, before Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

It was stated that complainant was riding on a bicycle at the playground at 10.15 p.m., when the chain of the vehicle came off. While he was repairing it, one man got hold of his bicycle, while defendant and two other men approached and searched him. Defendant on snatching the money started to bolt. Complainant gave chase and defendant was arrested by a passerby.

Defendant had a previous conviction.

Sentence of six months' hard labour, to be followed by recommendation for banishment, was imposed.

GAMBLING RAIDS

No less than 94 persons were arrested when the Police raided various addresses in the Colony on Tuesday. Of this number, 64 were present in Court yesterday, and fines ranging from \$1 to \$50 were imposed. The rest, failing to appear, had their bails, totalling \$104, estreated. A total of \$67.88 picked up in the raids was ordered to be put into the Poor Box.

Before Mr. Sheldon, Chan Kam-pul, 28, carpenter, was charged with keeping a common gaming house for pai kau at No. 43, Tang Lung Street, ground floor; Leung Hau, 54, carpenter, with keeping a common gaming house for the same purpose at No. 29, Tang Lung Street, ground floor, and 14 men with gambling pai kau at No. 154, Wanchai Road, ground floor.

Chan and Leung were each fined \$5.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison prosecuted.

Before Mr. Lowry, Chan Chung-hon, 44, tailor, and Wu Sam, 56, unemployed, were charged with keeping a common gaming house for fan tan at No. 23, Bonham Street East, ground floor; Ng Hon-huen, 33, bricklayer, with keeping a common gaming house for pai kau at No. 16, Square Street, ground floor; Wong Chiu, 30, shop foki, at No. 158, Hollywood Road, third floor, and Yip Hing, 45, coolie at No. 6, New Market, ground floor.

Chan and Wu were each fined \$50 while Ng Wong and Yip were fined \$30 each.

POLICE SEAMAN CHARGED

Committal proceedings were begun before Major Macfadyen yesterday against Ho Sul-wah, 28, Water Police seaman W77, Lam Fook, alias Keung Fook, 30, unemployed seaman, Tsang Wing-pan, unemployed boatman, Wong Wai-pang, alias Chan Hung, 36, unemployed char coolie, and Lau Lam, 36, unemployed odd job coolie, on a charge of having robbed Chan Kai of \$145 and Ho Yul of \$150 at No. 359, Lockhart Road, first floor, on Jan. 4.

First defendant was represented by Mr. J. M. d'Almeida Remedios. Det. Sub-Insp. W. N. Darkin said on Jan. 4 at about 10.30 p.m. Wong Hing, principal tenant of the flat, heard a knock at the door. On opening the door, a Chinese male announced that he had come to search for arms. He pushed his way into the house and was followed by a group of men.

An alarm was raised, and the men bolted. First defendant was caught by an Indian member of Police Reserve Channan Singh.

Mr. F. W. Shaftain, Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation, gave evidence of the identification parade.

Hearing was adjourned to tomorrow at 3 p.m.

DOCTOR FINED \$100

"I ask your Worship to take a serious view of this case, since it is the intention of Government to discourage this practice," stated Det. Sub Insp. C. H. Goodwin, addressing Mr. Sheldon yesterday, when Dr. Chiu Hin-yung, of No. 43, Connaught Road Central, and his assistant, Miss Lam Yin-ching, were summoned in connexion with the unlawful vaccination of Lal Shing and Ho Sau, detectives, and the unlawful issue of certificates of vaccination to them.

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, who represented both defendants, pleaded guilty to all summonses. Dr. Chiu had been practising for the last 30 years, and had had an unblemished record.

Dr. Chiu was fined \$100, while his assistant was discharged with a caution.

MURDER HEARING

Further evidence was given yesterday at the continued hearing of the case in which Ho Sung-het, an employee of the Chung Hwa Book Company, is charged with the murder of Woo Tong-chiu, 29, accountant of the company, at No. 3, Gilman's Bazaar on Dec. 5.

The case is being heard before Mr. Lowry. Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, assisted by Det.-Insp. L. R. Whant. Hearing was adjourned to Feb. 6 at 2.30 p.m.

WATER SUMMONS

Kan Chek, residing at the rear of No. 474, Queen's Road West, ground floor, was summoned before Mr. Sheldon on counts of carrying out between Dec. 29 and 31 last repair work on a water piping connected with the Waterworks for a consumer, without obtaining an appropriate licence, and opening a stopcock belonging to the Waterworks, after the same had been shut off.

Mr. A. I. Cash prosecuted. Defendant was fined \$20.

AT KOWLOON

STORE BURGLED

Appearing before Mr. E. Hims-worth yesterday, Lam Shu-hoi, 33, Wu Tong, 31, and Lo Sung, 42, were charged with store-breaking and larceny.

Two others, Kwok Chai, 50, and Ip Wan, 35, were charged with receiving stolen property.

It was stated that first three defendants broke into a store at No. 177, Argyle Street on Jan. 24 and stole eight bundles of wax and eight bundles of newspaper to the total value of \$250. They loaded them in a lorry and drove them to Tsun Wan. The wax had been sold and was not recovered.

First three defendants were each sentenced to three months' hard labour, while others were sentenced to two months each.

BICYCLE THIEF GAOLED

Pleading guilty to the larceny of a bicycle, Chan Tung, 33, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour, to be followed by expulsion, by Mr. Hims-worth yesterday.

Prosecuting, Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman said that on information received, a Chinese detective went to Tung Tau Village about 9 a.m. on Tuesday. He found defendant in a hut dismantling up a bicycle. When arrested, defendant struggled and wounded the detective's hand.

The bicycle was stolen outside No. 3, Lion Rock Road.

ABDUCTION CASE CONCLUDES

Hearing of the case, in which a 32-year-old teacher, Li Kwai-sang, father of four children, was charged with abducting a 15-year-old student of the Bellios Girls' School, Liu Mo-ching, was concluded before Mr. K.M.A. Barnett yesterday when defendant was sentenced to three months' imprisonment without hard labour.

Mr. Wu Tse-ho, appearing for defendant, said that he was instructed by defendant's wife to ask his Worship to take a lenient view against defendant since the whole family was dependent on him. He further said that defendant and the girl were in love with each other and he intended to marry her, and it was with the consent of the girl that defendant took her away from home. (The fact that defendant had on no occasion molested or tried to molest the girl showed that defendant was not the criminal type of person and that he was only fascinated by her love.)

Det.-Sgt. D. G. MacPherson, who conducted the prosecution, said that in view of the fact that defendant was an educated man he should be heavily punished for committing such a crime which should not be done by a respectable man in society.

ANTI-SABOTAGE GUARDS

More Details For Employers

In connexion with His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government's appeal of Jan. 9, 1941, for volunteers to provide anti-sabotage guards on board ships in Hongkong Harbour, the following additional information may assist employers and those who are in some doubt as to whether they should volunteer for this duty.

Guards will only be required during the continuance of the Colony's present situation and the scheme will cease to function should the Colony be directly involved in war.

No fear need be entertained that the time of guards who are detailed for duty will go wasted in waiting for the ship to which they are allotted since it will be possible to arrange for them to return to their offices provided they can be communicated with by telephone at short notice.

The 12 hour duty period will not entail spending 12 hours continuously on guard, which would, in the case of night duty, impair the efficiency of the guards in their normal employment on the following day. It is anticipated that out of 3 guards, 1 will be on duty, 1 standing by and 1 off duty at any given time if the ship is working cargo. It will be appreciated that each person will be on full duty for only 1/3 of the 12 hour period.

TIMES OF DUTY

It is realised that certain persons may hesitate to volunteer since, in the course of their normal employment, they may be liable to sudden business calls at short notice and at any hour of the day or night. It is hoped however that such persons will volunteer since, if there is satisfactory response to the appeal, it will be possible to make arrangements with regard to times of duty to meet difficulties in individual cases.

Members of the regular army in Hongkong will take part in this scheme and it is anticipated that this will further reduce the frequency of each person's periods of duty.

It is particularly emphasized that the greater the response to this call for volunteers the lighter will be the duty of each person. So far as can at present be foreseen, it is probable that, if all those who are asked to volunteer will undertake to assist, each person's turn for a period of 12 hours duty will come only once in 6 to 8 weeks or even less frequently.

SOLDIERS' COMFORT FUND CAMPAIGN

A campaign for comfort funds for the Chinese soldiers fighting at the front has been launched in Chungking. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has issued a statement urging the people to make generous donations. (Central News).

Hunan To Improve Agriculture

The Reconstruction Department of the Hunan Provincial Government is planning to establish agricultural and forestry improvement centres in 25 districts, including Liuyang and Tsinghsien in the current year. Technical guidance will be given in these centres.

Aside from general agricultural improvement, the cultivation of tung-trees tea and cotton will be improved particularly.

Similar centres were established in 21 districts, including Changsha and Chihkiang, last year. (Central News).

MARINE COURT

UNLAWFUL BOARDING

For unlawfully boarding a certain British ship, lying alongside a certain wharf, on Tuesday, two junk foks, Chan Chung and Kwok Kwan, were fined \$7, or seven days' hard labour, each by Lt.-Comdr. J. Jolly, R.N.R., yesterday.

CONCEALED NUMBER

Leung Tai-so, junk mistress, was fined \$5 or five days' hard labour when she pleaded guilty before Lt. Comdr. J. Jolly, R.N.R., yesterday to having concealed the number of her junk on Jan. 28 whilst in Victoria Harbour.

Sergeant Bennie prosecuted in all three cases.

PASSENGERS

The following passengers arrived in the Colony by the President Cleveland:—

Mrs. I. Balean, Mr. A. Brostedt, Mr. G. Chols, Mr. T. Hockaday, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kong, Mr. L. Kwok, Mr. A. Perez-Saez, Mr. C. Perry, Mr. C. Robertson, Mr. R. Shaw, Mr. G. Stokes, Miss D. Whitaker, Mr. W. Williamson.

IN TRANSIT

Mr. B. Agee, Mr. J. Ball, Ens. W. Bennett, U.S.N., Ens. F. Bourgeois, U.S.N., Ens. N. Brewer, U.S.N., Ens. R. Buzzetti, U.S.N., Ens. W. Caudfield, U.S.N., Mr. P. Cloyd, Sister Maurita Chudis, Ens. J. Connery, U.S.N., Mr. and Mrs. J. Feldman, Mstr. J. Feldman, Mr. G. Ferrandiz, Lt. M. Ferrara, U.S.N., Ens. R. Fletcher, U.S.N., Mr. and Mrs. A. Friedlander.

Miss L. Goldthorpe, Ens. G. Gugliotti, U.S.N., Mr. A. Hazard, Lt. J. Hess, U.S.N., Lt. C. Holly, U.S.N., Ens. S. Hunter, U.S.N., Mr. F. Johnson, Ens. R. Kincaid, U.S.N., Mr. C. Knowles, Mr. K. Koons, Mr. D. Loomis, Lt. M. Lytle, U.S.N., Mr. J. Marinetti, Mr. H. Mayer, Mr. A. Melboom, Mr. H. Modinger.

Ens. B. Murray, U.S.N., Ens. W. W. O'Brien, U.S.N., Mr. L. O'Garra, Mr. C. Perrin, Ens. I. Richardson, U.S.N., Mr. F. Rider, Mr. and Mrs. G. Rosario, Mr. and Mrs. F. Schick, Mr. S. Serra, Mr. A. Shaffer, Mr. L. Surlyakham, Mr. R. Weldie, Sister Mary Wenzel, Mr. L. Woodward, Mr. C. Yamarat, Mrs. C. Young.

ARRIVALS FROM NORTH

Arrivals in the Colony yesterday by the s.s. Haruna Maru were Mr. S. Saito, from Kobe, and Mrs. E. Byhaloff and child from Shanghai.

Through passengers by the same vessel for Singapore Mr. Y. Asano, Mr. P. J. Kessel, Mr. S. Kimitsuka, Mr. S. Kuwahara, Mr. M. H. L. Lejeune, Mr. and Mrs. T. Maeta, Mr. S. Miyake, Mr. Y. Motzuki, Miss Hilary Napier, Mr. K. Nisizaki, Mr. M. Oishi, Mr. L. P. Sequeira, Mr. A. Strok, Mr. M. Tagami and Mr. S. Yamaguti.

FOR AUSTRALIAN PORTS

Through passengers for Australian ports by the s.s. Suwa Maru which called at Hongkong yesterday were Mr. A. Ashton, Mrs. O. M. E. Andrews, Miss E. Borkowska, Mrs. C. Davis, Mrs. J. M. Gibbs, Mr. E. C. Hanscomb, Mr. and Mrs. J. Huxley and children, Mrs. E. Hesketh, Mr. C. C. Ireson, Miss R. James, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. MacAdie, Mr. and Mrs. J. Muir and children, Mrs. I. M. McCreery and child, Mr. P. Nakashiba, Miss F. Penny, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Ross, Miss S. Skvirskiene, Mr. and Mrs. N. Simkin, Mr. J. E. Wharton, and Mrs. D. Whitehead.

Blue Pencil Vulgarity

Widespread resentment among radio listeners at alleged vulgarity in B.B.C. variety programmes found expression recently at the annual meeting of the National Women Citizens' Association. Complaints were chiefly directed against the mock-modest use or such phrases as "blue pencil" to camouflage swearwords.

The association passed a resolution deploring the deterioration of humorous broadcasts and "the vulgarities which are now permitted to spoil the pleasure of listeners who would otherwise enjoy entertainment of this character." A copy is to be sent to the B.B.C.

"You don't uphold the morale of the people by undermining their moral standards," declared Mrs. Leonora Karlake, of London. "When comedians are allowed constantly to use expressions like 'blue pencil' and 'cut by the censor,' suggesting improper words, I do not think you are improving either spiritual values or the entertainment value of the programmes. Nobody wants programmes to be devoid of amusement, but we do demand they should be clean and suitable for family and public enjoyment."

A B.B.C. official said: "The B.B.C. is always at pains to ensure that no material broadcast is likely to offend the reasonable ear. We shall consider this protest when we receive it."

HEALTH RETURNS

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the four days ended at midnight on Jan. 28:—Cholera, one case; Small-Pox, one case; Diphtheria, four cases; Enteric Fever, two cases; Measles, three cases; Chicken-Pox, one case; Cerebro-Spinal Fever, two cases; Dysentery, one case; Tuberculosis, 47 cases.

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AMERICA GOES UNDER CANVAS

BY FRANK GEORGE

An increasing host of Americans are living under canvas at State and Federal camp sites. Their little green, white or tan tents are pitched on rocky promontories of Mount Desert Island in Maine, in the mountains and hills of the North-east, along the Skyline Drive and in the Tennessee Valley. Smoke from their camp fires drifts over the shores of the Great Lakes, spirals up through the woods and mingles with the forest air. They have driven their tent stakes amid the sagebrush of the South-west and spread their sleeping bags on ground covered with pine needles in the forests of the North-west.

All over America the campers fish and hike and swim and grow bronzed in the sun. Clean air washes away the frowns of the fears of a world at war. And all sorts of Americans go a-camping.

Here is a letter carrier and his family from Brooklyn. He is a little man who can skin a bull-head in a twinkling, and knows all the batting and fielding averages of the Dodgers. Over there is a doctor from Buffalo, away from his office for the Summer in order to write the book that has been in his mind for many years. Down the line are a middle-aged, retired couple who have travelled and camped all over the United States, from the Appalachians to the Rockies.

OUT NEIGHBOURS

Across the way is a group of high school boys having the time of their young lives, wearing battered hats stuck with coloured flies and going out to explore new fishing waters every day. Near by is a husky outfit headed by a giant of a man who has something to do with running a milk depot near Rochester. He pitches horseshoes or cuts wood all day, builds huge log fires at night and invites every one for popcorn and toasted marshmallows.

The bank clerk and the bank director, both glad of escape from conventionalised ways, share company on public ground. Campers' equipment may vary, but the man and his family living in an inexpensive umbrella or wall tent has just as good a time as the family in a costly trailer fitted for every convenience. A serviceable camping outfit that will wear alone on Long Island and in Palisades Interstate Park, in the Adirondacks from Lake George to the Saranac and St. Regis Rivers and the Fulton Chain of Lakes.

Typical of the new public camping places in the Empire State is Eighth Lake Campsite on the Fulton Chain, a few miles from Raquette Lake village. Individual campsites here are set widely apart for privacy and solitude in the woods. (The camp is accessible to trails up Blue and Bald Mountains. It is a stopping place for canoeists making the Fulton Chain trip, and for hikers with packs exploring the mountains and waters of the Central Adirondacks. On the numerous mountain trails are many overnight log shelters.)

A new camp, with individual sites stepped at different levels on a densely forested hillside, has at Cranberry Lake, not far from Ruppert Lake village. Cranberry is one of the large Adirondack lakes, its inlets and main body

ORDERS FOR DEFENCES

Orders placed by the Canadian Government for defence purposes since the beginning of the war now far exceed the half billion dollar mark, according to a recent announcement by Hon. C.D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply.

Up to Sept. 30 last, orders placed on Canadian account totalled \$390,371,363, and for British account \$134,280,528. Thus the total orders placed by the Department of Munitions and Supply and its predecessor purchasing bodies up to the end of September were \$524,651,892. Orders placed since the beginning of October will thus bring the total close to the \$550,000,000 mark.

Close to 86 per cent of these orders have been placed with Canadian firms. Contracts placed in the United Kingdom were 9 percent of the total; and contracts placed in the United States amount to about 5 percent of the total.

TREATY OF AMITY

The National Government has empowered Mr. Frank W. Lee, Chinese Minister to Portugal, to sign a treaty of amity with Liberia. (Central News).

famous for trout fishing. Many hiking trips are made from this site. Especially attractive is a canoe trip up the inlet or Oswegatchie River into a virgin wilderness.

East of Cranberry are three campsites near Lake Placid, where ice carnivals are held in Summer and near the famous motor road to the top of Whiteface Mountain. In these and other sections is a choice of big camps or of solitary places in the woods on the shores of rushing brooks or quiet lakes. People who want to get clear away go camping on one of the many small wooded islands owned by the State in Lake George or the St. Lawrence.

Each year the number of campers increases, and each year the State and Federal campsites are enlarged. In some of the parks in New York, log cabins may be rented. On all the big mountain lakes and at many places on the Atlantic coast are private cabins for rent by campers who prefer to sleep under a roof. But in any case, a family tries camping rarely goes back to the formality of Summer boarding house or hotel.

The day passes quickly in camp, and at supper one still feels fresh, if tired. The world now has completed its half circle, and the setting sun is casting shadows. Mountains turn purple and the sun, slipping behind, thrusts out long streamers of saffron. A chill comes on, and fireplaces are assembled.

There is a delightful camaraderie. Reminiscences are shared around the evening camp fire. Stories are told of hunting and fishing exploits, of camping and touring the country over. Finally the harmonicas are brought out. Some member of the party may have a guitar. Voices rise in song.

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

JANUARY 29, 1941.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand	430
On Singapore:—	
On demand	52 3/4
On Japan:—	
On demand	102 1/2
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 1/2	
and demand	182 1/2
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 23 1/2	
Credits 60 days sight 24 1/4	
On Batavia:—	
On demand	44
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months sight Nom.	
On London:—	
On demand	102
On Manila:—	
On demand	47
On Bangkok:—	
On demand	149 1/2
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz	23 1/4

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

January 29.

Silver prices were quoted this morning at 23 1/4 for Ready and 23 3/16 for Forward. Silver advices reported the market as being quiet with a small business done. American Silver was quoted at \$43 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 403-1/2.

MARKET

Nothing doing.

STERLING

Sellers at 1/3 January-April, buyers at 1/3-1/32 Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Sellers at 23 7/8 for Cash, buyers at 23 15/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

436 sellers for Cash.

SHANGHAI MARKET

The Shanghai Exchange market was closed today.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Jan. 28 (Reuter). Govt. 3 1/2, Rupee, 95-08-0.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Jan. 28 (Reuter). T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, Jan. 28 (Reuter). Silver—Market quiet. Business very small. In the afternoon, the market was very quiet with no business.

Spot, 23-1/4d.

Forward, 23-3/16d.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Jan. 28 (Reuter). Market—Steady. Offtake 50 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 63-02

Feb. 21 Settlement 63-01

Mar. 25 Settlement 62-10

LONDON GOLD

London, Jan. 28 (Reuter). Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 168-1/2.

COTTON GOODS PRODUCTION

In order to meet the widespread need for cotton piece goods in the interior, the Reconstruction Department of the Kwangtung Provincial Government has completed plans for the establishment of two factories for cotton spinning and weaving respectively. To finance the undertaking, the Reconstruction Department has obtained a loan from the Kwangtung Provincial Bank.

The machinery for the projected factories has been ordered and is expected to be delivered here in April. (Central News).

NEW PAPER MILL IN YUNNAN

A new paper mill has been founded in Yunnan, it being named the Yun Feng Paper Mill. Sponsors include: Miao, Yun-tai, Lu Chien-an, Tu, Yuen-sheng, and Y. M. Chien. A formal inaugural ceremony was held. (Central News).

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Jan. 28, 1941.

	High	Low	Close	Prev. Close	Today's Change
New York Cotton, March	10.41	10.38	10.38	10.39	.01 up
New York Rubber, March	19.45	19.45	19.38	19.45	.09 up
Chicago Wheat, May	84 1/2	84	84 1/2	84	1/2 off
Chicago Corn, May	63 1/2	63 1/2	63	62 1/2	1/2 off
New York Hides, March	13.10	12.85	12.93N	12.85	.08 off

NEW YORK COTTON

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March	10.38/38	10.40/40	10.39/39	.01 up
May	10.41/41	10.43/43	10.39/40	.02 off
July	10.39 N	10.32/32	10.27/28	.03 off
October	9.80/80	9.83/83	9.79/79	.01 off
December	9.78 N	9.78b/80a	9.74 N	.02 off
January (1942)	9.71 N	9.73b/76a	9.69 N	.02 off
Spot	10.87		10.88	.01 up

Total sales Monday—55,100 bales.

The first notice day for March cotton is 25/2/41 and last day is 14/3/41.

NEW YORK RUBBER

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March	19.36/37	19.30b	19.45/45	.09 up
May	19.25/28	19.25b/34a	19.37/37	.12 up
July (New contract)	19.18 N	19.35a	19.26b	.08 up
September ()	19.15 B	19.02/20	19.20b/23a	.05 up

Total sales—220 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
May	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
July	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2
September	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2

Monday's sales—3,304,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2
May	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2
July	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2
September	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2

NEW YORK HIDES

	12.93 N	12.91b/13.00a	12.85/85	.08 off
March	12.93 N	12.91b/13.00a	12.85/85	.08 off
June	12.93/89	12.85b/86a	12.84/85	.09 off

Total sales for the day—38 contracts.

NEW YORK COCOA

	4.96 N	4.94b/5.00a	5.00/00	.04 up
March	4.96 N <td>4.94b/5.00a<td>5.00/00<td>.04 up</td></td></td>	4.94b/5.00a <td>5.00/00<td>.04 up</td></td>	5.00/00 <td>.04 up</td>	.04 up
May	5.03 N	5.04b/08a	5.06 N	.03 up

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3

	2.02b/03a	2.02b/03a	unch.
March	2.02b/03a <td>2.02b/03a<td>unch.</td></td>	2.02b/03a <td>unch.</td>	unch.
May	2.06b/08a <td>2.07b/08a<td>.01 up</td></td>	2.07b/08a <td>.01 up</td>	.01 up

Volume of business done—184 lots.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4

	76b/78a	76b/78a	74b/75a	.01 off
March	76b/78a <td>76b/78a<td>74b/75a<td>.01 off</td></td></td>	76b/78a <td>74b/75a<td>.01 off</td></td>	74b/75a <td>.01 off</td>	.01 off
May	79b/80a <td>79b/80a<td>78b/78a<td>.01 off</td></td></td>	79b/80a <td>78b/78a<td>.01 off</td></td>	78b/78a <td>.01 off</td>	.01 off

Volume of business done—83 lots.

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES

	11.43b/48a	11.48b/50a	.05 up
March	11.43b/48a <td>11.48b/50a<td>.05 up</td></td>	11.48b/50a <td>.05 up</td>	.05 up
July	11.38b/44a <td>11.40b/48a<td>.02 up</td></td>	11.40b/48a <td>.02 up</td>	.02 up
N.Y. Official Silver	34-3/4	34-3/4	
NY-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/2		4.03-1/2	

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Jan. 28.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2 (Red, after 1952)	103-7/16
Defence Loan, 3 1/2	101-1/4
London-K'loon Rly. 5 1/2	13
Chinese 4 1/2 Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	44
Chinese 5 1/2 Gold Bonds, 1925/41	42 to 47
Chin. 4 1/2 Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45
Chinese 5 1/2 Crisp Loan, 1912	28
Chinese 5 1/2 Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	34
Chinese 8 1/2 Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	10
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5 1/2 Loan	47
Honan Rly. 5 1/2, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	15
Hukuang Rly. 5 1/2, 1911 (German Issue)	13
Lung, Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5 1/2 1913	14
Shai-N'King Rly. 5 1/2	16
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5 1/2 (Brit. Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5 1/2 (German Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5 1/2 (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5 1/2 (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Jap. 6 1/2 Ster. Loan, 1924	23
Ger. 7 1/2 Intl. Loan, 1924	5-1/2
Chartered Bank	8-3/4
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	79
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	85
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	18/-
Chosen Corporation	4/-
Mercantile Bank of India, £5, "G"	11-1/8
Pekin Syndicate	1/6
S'hai Elec. Constr. Co.	15/-
S'hai Waterworks "A"	13-1/2
Union Assurance	20
Gula-Kalumpung Rubber Ltd., Mid. & Scot. Rly.	15/7 1/2
Great Western Rly.	34-3/4

PRODUCTION OF EXPLOSIVES

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Jan. 28.

"In 1941 Canada will be producing explosives at an annual rate more than twice as great as the entire production of this country in the Great War" said Hon. C.D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply. "Our present chemicals and explosives programme," he continued, "now involves capital expenditures of some \$60,000,000 and includes the erection of 10 plants, several of which equal in magnitude anything of a similar nature existing in the Empire today."

"With the development of this programme, the Canadian output of explosives will be substantially increased within the next few weeks."

A very large shell filling plant is presently being constructed which will employ some of the production from the explosives plants. Plans are under way for the further enlargement of the shell filling capacity of the Dominion.

The construction work on all these plants is proceeding well up to schedule and, in several instances, substantially ahead of the schedule, said the Minister. The output of explosives will include both propellants and high explosives of several types.

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Jan. 28 (Reuter).

Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price, £257-1/8

Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle Price, unrecieved.

Market firm.

National Bank of India	31-1/2
S-A. Toh (bearer)	93/9
Dunlop Rubber	34/3
Bristol Aeroplane	10/1 1/2
Imperial Chemical Ind.	30/-
United Steel	22/7 1/2
Woolworths	55/6
Marsman Investments	7/6
Western Holdings	10
Hub-Nigel	150/6
"-bid	-ex. div
(bearer)	44/6
Shell Trans. & Trad.	

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

JANUARY 29, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale Jan. 28	STOCKS	Last Sale Jan. 28
Adams Express	6 1/2	Loew's Inc.	33 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	23	Loft Incorporated	17 1/2
Allis-Chalmers	34	Mack Truck Inc.	31 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	73 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	28 1/2
Amer. Can.	90 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, prd.	26
American Cyanamid B.	34 1/2	Montgomery Ward	37 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	1	M'tain City Copper Co.	3 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	15 1/2	National Aviation	9 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	18 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	National Distillers	22 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	15	National Lead	16
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	43	Nat. Fower & Light	6 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	15 1/2	National Supply Corp.	6 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	185 1/2	New York Central	14
Amer. Tobacco "B"	7 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	2 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	6 1/2	N. American Aviation	15 1/2
Anaconda Copper	25 1/2	North American Co.	15 1/2
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	23 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Aviation Corp.	4 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	46 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	18 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	28 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	4	Packard Motors	3 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	9 1/2	Pan-American Airways	13 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	8 1/2	Paramount Pictures	11 1/2
Bentley Aviation	37 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	23 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	85	Philadelphia Read. Coal	3/16
Bliss & Co.	18 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	37 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	17 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	28 1/2
Borg-Warner	18 1/2	Pulman Inc.	28 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	23 1/2	Pure Oil	8
Budd M'facturing Corp.	4 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	4 1/2
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	31 1/2	Reading Company, Com	14 1/2
Case, J.I.	54 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	5 1/2
Celanese	26 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	4 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	42 1/2	Republic Steel	20 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	68 1/2	Revere Corp.	9 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	4 1/2	Reynold Tobac. "B"	33 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	29 1/2	Safeway Stores	42
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	11 1/2	Schenley Distillers	10 1/2
Consolidated Edison	22 1/2	Sears Roebuck	75 1/2
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Shell Union Oil	10 1/2
Continental Can	38	Socomy-Vacuum Oil	9 1/2
Continental Oil	18 1/2	Southern Pacific	9 1/2
Copperweld Steel	17 1/2	Southern Rly. \$5 pfd.	23 1/2
Curtis Wright (C.)	8 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	36
Curtis Wright "A"	24 1/2	Standard Brands	6 1/2
Deere & Co.	21 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	1
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	17 1/2	Standard Oil of California	19 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	74 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	34 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	155 1/2	Stone & Webster	7 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	9 1/2	Studebaker Corp.	7 1/2
Easton Mfg. Co.	35 1/2	Swift International	18 1/2
Elec. Autolite	31 1/2	Technicolor	9 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	31	Texaco Corp.	38 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pfd.	58	Texas Gulf Sulphur	37 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$6 pfd.	64 1/2	Timken-Axle	31 1/2
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pfd.	32 1/2	Trans-America Co.	4 1/2
Flintkote	14 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	6 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	55	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	11 1/2
Gen. Electric	34 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	67 1/2
Gen. Motors	44 1/2	Union Pacific	8 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	14 1/2	United Aircraft	39 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	12	United Airlines Trans.	14 1/2
Glidden Co.	14 1/2	United Corp.	1 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	14 1/2	United Corp. \$3 cum pfd.	27 1/2
Goodrich \$5 pfd.	62 1/2	United Gas Corp.	4
Goodyear Tire & Co.	18 1/2	United Gas Improvement	9 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	15	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	26 1/2
Great Northern Rly. pfd.	27	U.S. Rubber	22 1/2
Great Western Sugar	21 1/2	U.S. Rubber \$8 pfd.	9 1/2
Greyhound Corp.	11 1/2	U.S. Smelting	63 1/2
Hercules Powder Co.	71 1/2	U.S. Steel	67 1/2
Homestake Mining	50 1/2	Vanadium	31 1/2
Int. Nickel	26 1/2	Vulcan Aircraft	6 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	14	Walworth Co.	5 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	21 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	3 1/2
Johnsman	61	Westinghouse Elec.	98 1/2
Kennecott Copper	33 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	30 1/2
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	37 1/2	Chase National Bank	32 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	25 1/2	National City Bank	27 1/2

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	1940/41	Jan. 27	High	Low	Close	Change
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Industrials	28.45	18.03	20	20.33	20.33	.03 off
Rails	92.13	83.06	40	92.10	92.10	.08 up
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BRITAIN AND EUROPE'S FOOD SHORTAGE

The British are willing to do everything in their power to relieve European food shortages—after the War.

But until Adolf Hitler is defeated, they say, the British will not relax their blockade of the Continent to permit passage of food ships whose cargoes might, directly or indirectly, aid Germany in the prosecution of the war.

The British contend that any wide the machinery for processing raw foodstuffs.

Such action, with "good prices" being paid for surplus production, would stabilise conditions in the glutted producing countries as well as ameliorating suffering later in a hungry Europe.

Meanwhile, Britain is in a much better position to endure the rigors of a long war than she was in 1918 when she suddenly woke up to the fact that she had supplies sufficient for only a few weeks, it was said.

EFFICIENT FOOD MINISTRY
The British food ministry, the Food Ministry as one of the most efficient of the government organizations and credit it with having mobilised food resources in such a way that—despite the cutting off of huge imports from German-held Denmark, Holland and Belgium—Britons still are eating about as much as ever.

Food Ministry officials say that the country has accumulated vast reserves of all kinds of preservable foods and that the present tendency is to relax rather than tighten rationing regulations, especially in connexion with tea, now limited to two ounces per person a week.

These food reserves have been stored in warehouses throughout the country under a complex system of regional emergency control designed to assure the whole population of regular meals in event transportation is disrupted by air raids or invasion.

Food experts say current food rationing is a precautionary move rather than one dictated by actual or imminent shortages. They also say that such food control as exists probably will improve rather than lower the national health, inasmuch as synthetic vitamin B must now by law be included in white bread. Before the war there was

No one can predict the course of the war, but the British appear confident that their food position is strong and that, with their Navy, they can outlast Germany.

Food relief after the war would accomplish two desirable ends, proponents of the scheme now under consideration say. It would alleviate distress among hungry Europeans and absorb food surpluses among American and British colonial producers. The producers will suffer also because of their lack of European markets during the blockade.

RELIEF SCHEMES IN DISFAVOUR
Meanwhile, although official statements have not been forthcoming, the British have made it plain that they do not look with favour upon various continental food relief schemes proposed in the United States.

The Times, discussing relief plans proposed by former United States President Herbert Hoover, charged that relief appeals from the continent were inspired by German propaganda and urged the government to make a definite statement of policy concerning post-war relief.

"Our answer must be the double one that it is Hitler who is starving Europe and that it is Britain, and those who sympathise with her cause, who are making active preparations to feed Europe as soon as the present tyranny is overthrown," the Times said.

Biologist Julian Huxley, in a letter to the Times, endorsed the suggestion that the British Empire and the Americas collaborate in rushing food to Europe "as soon as Nazi domination comes to an end."

He proposed that large stores of surplus foods be built up now and processed in readiness for instant distribution. He suggested that Russia, India, some Latin American nations and other countries whose industries are not overtaxed by armament demands pro-

HARBOUR OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS

The following Notices to Mariners have been issued by the Harbour Master, Lt.-Comdr. J. Jolly, R.N.R.:

DRIFTING MINE

A drifting mine—has been reported, by the Master of s.s. "Macan" at 7.10 a.m. yesterday, as being in position of Lat. 22 deg. 11' N., Long. 114 deg. 08' E. (approximate).

DERELICT JUNK

A large capsized junk and a lot of very large and long logs have been reported, by the Master of the s.s. "Kautung" at 4.48 p.m. on Jan. 27, as being in position Lat. 22 deg. 11' N., Long. 113 deg. 47' E. (approximate). They are considered as dangerous to navigation.

HARBOUR MISSION BAZAAR

For the past two days large crowds were to be seen inside the premises occupied by On Lok Yuen, Ltd., Des Voeux Road, Central, the attraction being the bazaar sponsored by the Hongkong Harbour Mission.

Games, competitions, and cooked sea-food were to be found on the ground floor, while a display of sea snakes and other varieties of dried fish was to be seen on the upper floor.

The proceeds from this bazaar are, it was learned, to be devoted to evangelical and educational work among Chinese seamen.

a deficiency of vitamin B, correction of which, it is said, made Britons less liable to diseases of the heart and nerves.

Authorities have announced their determination, for reasons of morale, not to tolerate any quack dietary systems or the introduction of "ersatz" foods. They believe their capacity to maintain adequate supplies of normal foodstuffs will be of the utmost importance in a long, drawn out test of morale between the British and the German peoples.—(Brydon Taves).

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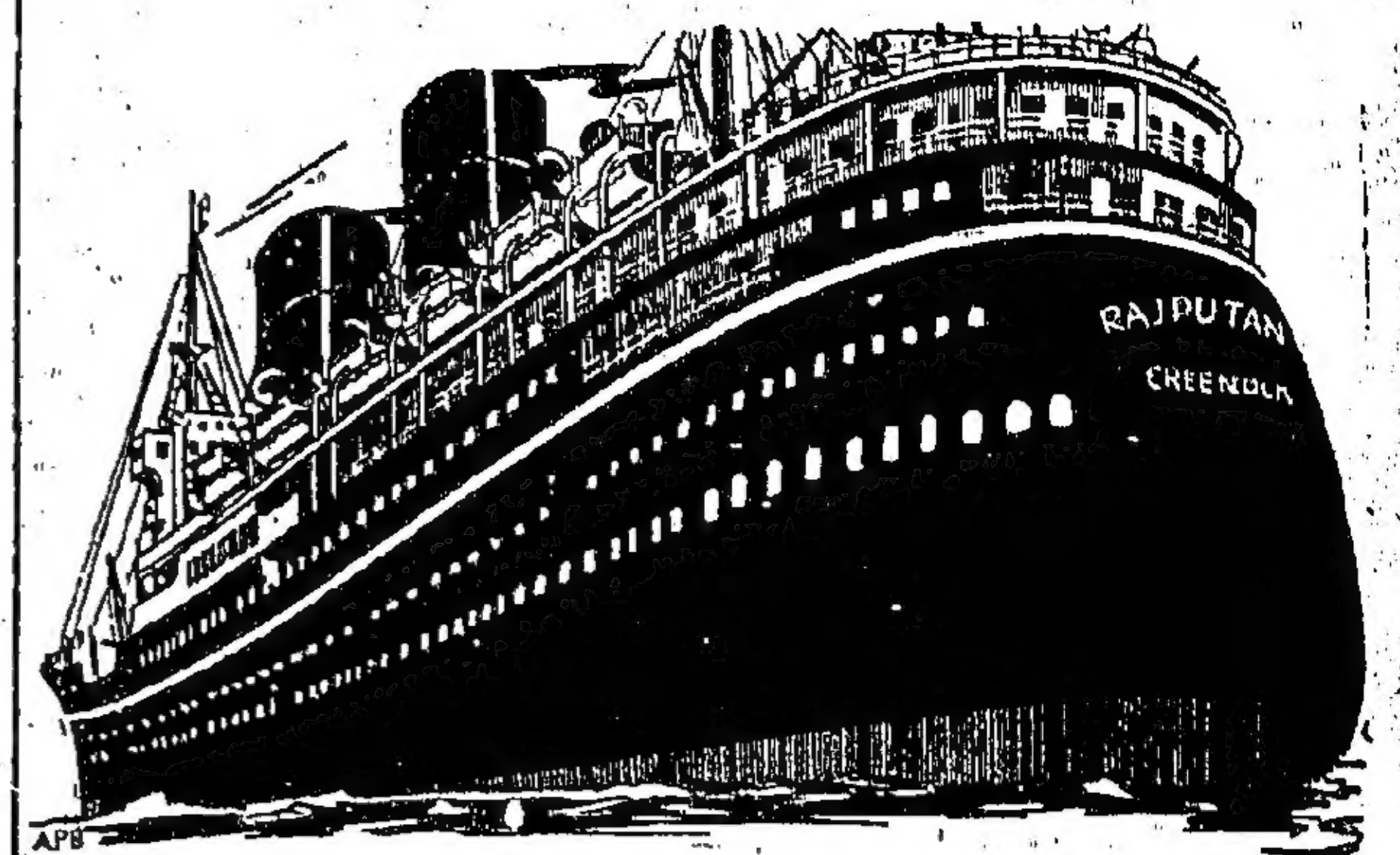
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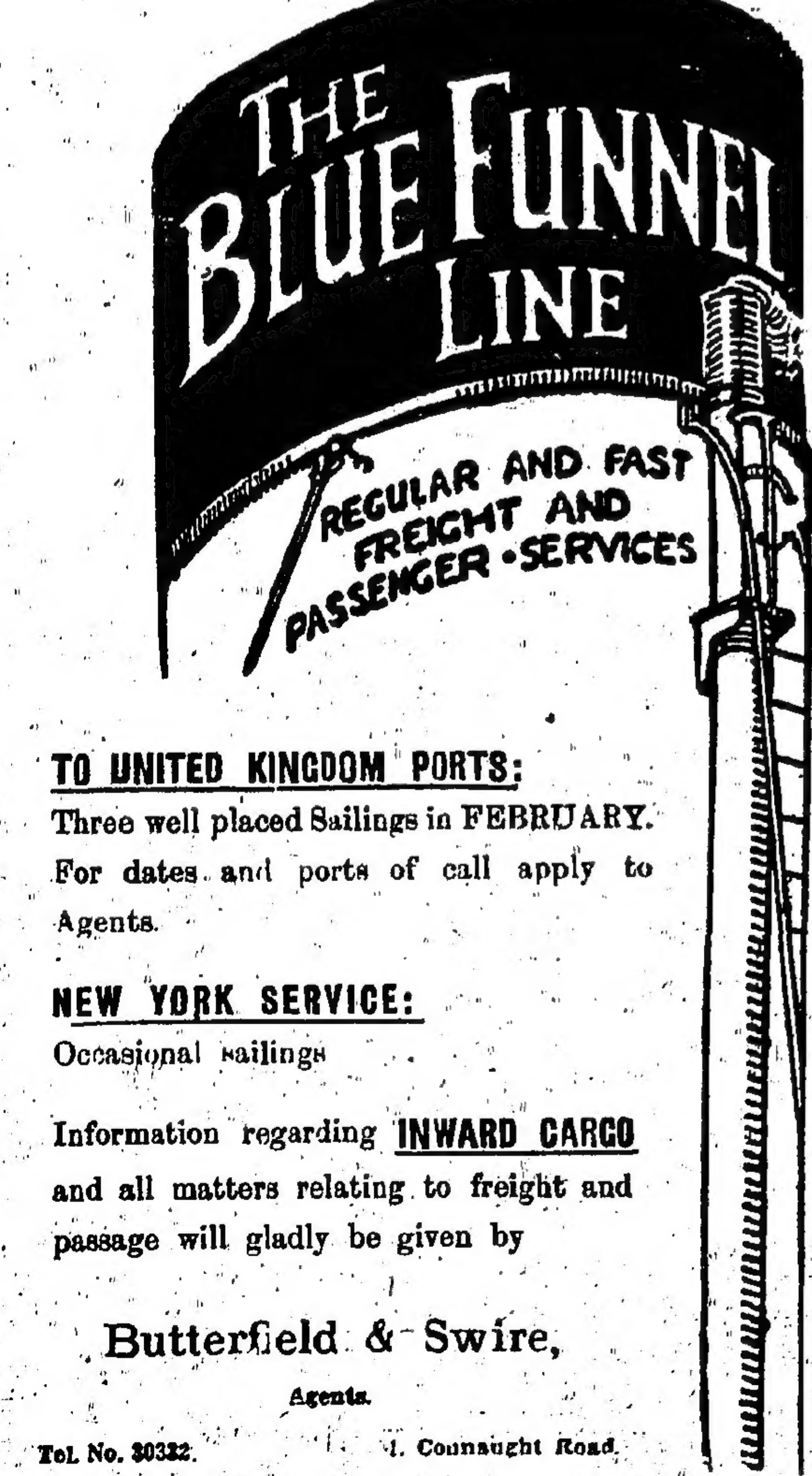
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ANTI-FLU VACCINE

LONDON, Jan. 29 (BWS).—For the purpose of a practical trial of its immunisation value, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Minister of Health, the Ministry's Chief Medical Adviser and 350 of the staff have been inoculated with the new anti-influenza vaccine.

The vaccine has been brought from the U.S.A. where experimental work carried out in Britain before the war, under the auspices of the Medical Research Council, has been further developed and the vaccine produced in large quantities.

FAINTED FROM LAUGHING

An unusual incident occurred at the Majestic Theatre during the 5 o'clock showing of the comedy, "Saps at Sea," starring Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy.

It is reported that a Portuguese girl laughed so heartily that she fainted and had to be taken out to the lobby where she was revived.

NURSING SISTER INJURED

A European nursing sister was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital yesterday for treatment to a cut to her lips sustained when a private car in which she was a passenger collided with a public vehicle at the junction of Pokfulam Road and Mount David's Road.

The Hongkong Police and Police Reserve will hold a Dinner Dance in aid of British and Chinese War Charities at the Peninsula Hotel on Feb. 14, under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton. Tickets are \$5, and reservations may be booked at the Peninsula and Hongkong Hotels.

The Shanghai Rice Price Fixing Committee has again changed the prices of 15 kinds of foreign rice sold in the Shanghai Rice Market. Reductions ranging between 50 cents and \$5 per picul were announced. The cheap sale of broken Saigon rice was stopped recently in view of the delayed arrival of supplies.

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature of 70 and Minimum of 64 were recorded yesterday.

Total rainfall since Jan. 1 is 3.78 inches against an average of 1.00. The Royal Observatory report states:—

The anticyclone is stationary and unchanged over China, pressure remaining highest to the north of the Lower Yangtse Valley.

A shallow depression is moving north-eastward across Japan.

MALET'S LAST LETTER

General Sir Archibald Wavell has sent to the Government of Bombay as a gift a last letter which was written by General Malet, who was killed in Sidi Barrani, to Marshal Graziani. The letter bears Marshal Graziani's comments on it in red ink.—(Special).

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS

The following telegrams (from Shanghai) are awaiting claimants at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited):—

Li Lai, Pedder Bldg., 6th floor, Room 5; Chow Hung-pun, 112 Queen's Rd. C., Room 11A; Lock Kwai-fong, 64 Village Road; Nan Kai Kam Kee.

C.C.C. TEAM FOR SATURDAY

The following have been selected to represent the C.C.C. in a 2nd Division League match on Saturday, Feb. 1, at 2 p.m., on the home ground:—A. M. Omar, (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. B. Hanson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, S. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar, W. K. Way.

The 1st Division League match against the University on the same day has been postponed.

The death occurred on January 18, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, of Bessie Dixon, widow of the late James Neil. Funeral services were held on January 21, at the Bubbling Well Chapel.

Four armed men, one with a revolver, entered the ground floor of No. 307, Prince Edward Road yesterday at 1.30 p.m. and, after tying and gagging the three inmates of the house, decamped with \$1,000 in Chinese currency.



This is an artist's impression of the defence of London from air attack.

BUSY DAY FOR MR. WILLKIE

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Mr. Wendell Willkie had another busy day yesterday. He had a conversation with Sir Andrew Duncan, Minister of Supply, and, while waiting for Mr. Ernest Bevin at Transport House, met Mr. Gibson, Chairman of the Trade Union Congress.

The entire Cabinet attended a dinner given in Mr. Willkie's honour by Lord Beaverbrook last night.

MINE EXPLODES OFF IRELAND

A message from Saigon yesterday stated that a mine which has been washed ashore off the County of Cork, exploded and wrecked a number of houses and injured several people.

The military and naval authorities who went to the scene of the explosion found several other unexploded mines on the beach and they were all rendered harmless.—(Special).

R.A.F. MEMBERS KILLED

Four members of the R.A.F. were killed in raids on Malta, states a London message. Damage was done to Government buildings but there were no civilian casualties.—(Special).

A Chinese cable from Chungking recently stated that nothing had been heard in the wartime capital which would tend to confirm the report that Great Britain, the United States and China would form an alliance.

More postal employees are needed in occupied areas in Chekiang, Kiangsu, and other provinces. A written examination was held by the Shanghai Post Office recently of those who applied for such positions. An oral examination will be held later.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The mystery of Subhas Chandra Bose's disappearance continues. His relatives describe his disappearance as a sudden religious impulse.

STOP PRESS

Mr. Henry L. Stimson, U.S. Secretary for War, giving evidence before the Foreign Relations Committee of the House of Representatives, said that the Axis was vulnerable in many respects. Italy was now in serious straits and the German Army was being spread out in a thin line. The Japanese too were spreading out their forces in a thin line and Japan's economic position was unsound. The United States wanted a little time to arm herself.—(Special).

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, 30th JANUARY, 1941, 9.30 A.M.

The following increased postage rates for letters will be effective as from 1st February 1941.

Places in the Colony 5 cents for each ounce or part of an ounce.

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Straits and Airmail by "British Overseas Airways Service" (except London) by Sea from Singapore	30th Jan.
Sandakan	30th Jan.
Canton	30th Jan.
Calcutta and Straits	31st Jan.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 24th January	31st Jan.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 28th January	5th Feb.
Java and Manila	5th Feb.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 17th January)	8th Feb.
United Kingdom and Straits	12th Feb.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 24th January)	14th Feb.
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For	Date and Time
THURSDAY	Thu. 30th.
Rangoon and Calcutta	9.30 AM
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, and Parcels only for United Kingdom	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 9.45 AM Ord. 10.30 AM
Canton	7.00 PM
FRIDAY	Fri. 31st.
Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya	8.30 AM
Sandakan	8.30 AM
Formosa and Dairen	8.30 PM
	K.P.O.
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TUESDAY	Tue. Feb. 4th
Manila and Parcels only for United Kingdom	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Macassar and Sourabaya	Par. 3/2 6.00 AM
	Ord. 4/2 8.30 AM
	8.30 AM
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	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	G.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
THURSDAY	Thu. 6th
Holhow	10.30 AM
FRIDAY	Fri. 7th
Sandakan	8.30 AM
SATURDAY	Sat. 8th
Straits and Calcutta	Parcels 10.30 AM
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa via Cape Town	Letters 11.30 AM
	5.30 PM
TUESDAY	Tue. 11th
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U. S. A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Reg. 10th 6.00 PM
	Ord. 11th 6.30 AM

SHANGHAI, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Mr. J. E. Baker, director of the Representatives of the Japanese American Red Cross Committee in China who was recently honoured here at a dinner party held by representatives of many Chinese philanthropic bodies has left at the Council Building this morning to express their deep regret and sympathy regarding the shooting at the special meeting of the ratepayers when Mr. Keswick was injured.

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